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OF

THE WORSHIPFUL COMPANY OF

TIN PLATE WORKERS

ALIAS WIRE WORKERS

OF THE

CITY OF LONDON

FROM THE DATE OF ITS INCORPORATION TO THE  
PRESENT TIME.

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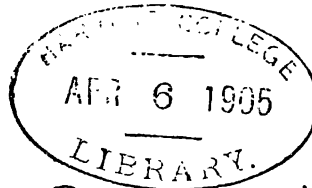
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*COMMITTEE for the Celebration of the 225th Anniversary  
of the Company's Incorporation, appointed by Order of  
Court, 1st February, 1895.*

THE MASTER.

THE UPPER WARDEN.

THE UNDER WARDEN.

THE PAST MASTERS.

MR. ARTHUR BIRD.

MR. CHARLES JAMES WILKINSON-PIMBURY.

THE CLERK.



## PREFACE.

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THE Company's Charter establishes the fact that nearly two and a half centuries ago the manufacture of articles of various kinds from tinned iron plates and iron wire was an important industry in the City of London. The master men were of course free of the City, and until they resolved to petition the Crown for a Charter, were content to remain members of the Ironmongers' and other Guilds. The leader of the movement for a separate Company was Thomas Aris, a Citizen and Ironmonger, though by craft a tin-plate worker, who had been taught his work by William Tompkins, another Freeman of the Ironmongers' Company, between the years 1639 and 1647. Of the fifteen other craftsmen who petitioned for the Charter, the majority seem also to have been free of the Ironmongers' Company, and it is clear that tin-plate working and wire working had been a regular branch of the ironmongers' trade.

The Mother Company evidently approved of, if they did not assist in, the formation of the new Company, and when Thomas Aris (who had been of their Livery for ten years) was appointed our first Master, the Charter of the Tin Plate Workers was read in open Court at Ironmongers' Hall. Ten years later he was elected Master of that Worshipful Company while serving on the Court of the new Company.

The general supervision and regulation of the trade in and around London was, until a comparatively recent date, entirely in the hands of the Company, and although without Corporate funds, and depending on the subscriptions of its Members for its existence, our Guild still endeavours, by the holding of public Exhibitions, to foster the trade which it represents.

Mr. George Offor, a Past Master of this Company, and my worthy friend and predecessor, Mr. James Curtis, F.S.A., are each entitled to the credit of having advised the publication of a History of the Company. I understand that Mr. Offor's notes were put together in 1879, but, except in an article in "The Lightning Album" of January, 1893, they were, unfortunately, never published; while Mr. Curtis's work was suddenly interrupted by his appointment as Registrar of the Marylebone County Court. Our esteemed Master (Lieutenant-Colonel Lambert) in the early part of this year compiled a treatise entitled "The Tin Plate Workers' Company" (London: T. Brettell & Co. 8vo. 1895), to which the reader is referred for an interesting account of the discovery and manufacture of tin, as well as for particulars of our constitution and the administration of the Company.

I have been somewhat hampered in my work by the loss many years since of the earliest Minute Book of the Company, and have been obliged to depend, for the first part of my History, on notes which I have taken from original sources. If this little book, to which I have devoted much care and attention, should create a greater interest in the Company and induce its future Members to continue to extend its sphere of usefulness, it will have served the purpose I had in view, and justify the action of the Committee in commemorating this Anniversary by its publication.

ERNEST ARTHUR EBBLEWHITE.

29th December, 1895.



# History of the Tin Plate Workers' Company.

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1670.

THOMAS ARIS, *Master*; JOHN HARDING, Senior, and  
JOHN RYLEY, *Wardens*.

KING CHARLES II. by Letters Patent dated the 29th December in this year, on the Petition of his well-beloved subjects the Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers within the Cities of London and Westminster, the Borough of Southwark, and "five miles compass thereof," ordained, constituted, and appointed that Thomas Aryes (*or Aris*), John Harding, sen., John Ryley, Thomas Noth, Nathaniel Humphreys, John West, William Hayes, Thomas Umfrevile, John Layford, William Davies, sen., Nicholas Harrison, John Honnor, John Crane, Benjamin Harman, Robert Cox, and Roger Lydyard, Citizens of London, being all Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers and Freemen of the said City of London (*i.e.*, workers in tinned iron plate and iron wire), and their successors, to be a body politic and corporate in deed and in name, with continuance and perpetual succession for ever by the name of the "Master, Wardens, Assistants, and

Com'onalty of the art and mistery of Tynne Plate Workers al's Wyre Workers of the Citty of London." (The original Patent under the Great Seal, enclosed in a tin box in its leather case, is still in the Company's possession, and—except as regards the seal—in perfect condition.)

The Petitioners received their Charter at "their Common Hall," *i.e.*, Parish Clerks' Hall, in Wood Street, in the Parish of St. Mary-le-Bow, in the Ward of Cheap, on the same day.

The members of the first Court of Assistants appointed by the Charter were the said Thomas Noth, Nathaniel Humphreys, John West, Thomas Umfrevile, John Layford, William Davies, Nicholas Harrison, John Honnor, John Crane, Benjamin Harman, Robert Cox, William Hayes, and Roger Lydyard.

The first Clerk was Philip Probyn, gentleman.

1671.

THOMAS ARIS, *Master* ; JOHN HARDING (*or Hardwin*),  
Senior, and JOHN RYLEY, *Wardens*.

IN this year the Company was, by order of the Court of Lord Mayor and Aldermen, admitted a free Company of the City, and their Charter was enrolled among the records of the Court on the 1st August.

1672.

IN this year some £62 remained due to the Company from three members of the Court of Assistants and sixty-four members of the Commonalty or their

representatives, for monies assessed on them towards the expenses of obtaining the Company's Charter.

1673.

It appears that on the 5th November in this year an apprentice completed his indentures with Mr. Assistant Richard Richbell, and as the legal period of binding was eight years, it is evident that the indenture was executed in 1665, five years before the Charter, through another Company.

1674.

JOHN HARDWIN (*or Harding*), *Master*; and NICHOLAS HARRISON, *Warden*.

ON the 30th July Thomas Cooke, who had been apprenticed in the Girdlers' Company, completed his indentures (the counterpart of which is now in my custody), and was subsequently admitted into the freedom of this Company by translation.

On the 1st December the Court resolved that for the future all differences which should hereafter arise between master and servant in the tin-plate working trade, should be first submitted to the Company for arbitration.

1675.

JOHN RYLEY, *Master*; JOHN LAWFORD (*or Layford*) and JOHN HONNOR, *Wardens*.

ON the 6th May a Committee was appointed to meet at the Hall every Friday until the 4th July, to

examine the By-Laws already made by the Company, and to prepare others.

On the 11th December Nathaniel Rickwood, who had been apprenticed in the Haberdashers' Company, completed his indentures (the counterpart of which is now in my custody), and was subsequently admitted into the freedom of this Company by translation.

Subsequent to the 5th November John Dodson was similarly translated from the Ironmongers' Company. His indentures, signed by Mr. Past-Master John Hardwin, his master, are also in my hands.

1676.

THE apprentices in this and preceding years were bound, under the penalty of a fine of 2s. 6d., to produce a "masterpiece" before their admission to freedom. Such masterpiece would be a dripping-pan, lanthorne or lantern, pudding-pan, or some other article in tin-plate or iron wire.

On the 29th December, at a Court held in their Common Hall in St. Mary-le-Bow parish, the Court finally passed their By-Laws.

On the 5th September the Master and Wardens, Mr. Thomas Aris and Mr. John Honnor, were appointed as a Committee to treat with Mr. Charles Snow, a clerk to the Lord Chancellor, for official confirmation of the amended By-Laws.



1677.

WILLIAM HAYES, *Master*; JOHN HONNOR, *Upper Warden*.

ON the 2nd October the Master, Mr. Warden Honnor, Mr. Past Master Thomas Aris, Messrs. Zachariah Burrough, George Roch, and William Davies were selected as a Committee to meet the Lord Chancellor's Clerk at the "Devil" Tavern, within Temple Bar, as to the confirmation of the By-Laws.

On the 12th November the Company formally petitioned from their Common Hall in the Cheap for a legal confirmation of the By-Laws.

1678.

ON the 1st January the Company's By-Laws were approved by the Lord High Chancellor of England, the Lord Chief Justice of the Court of King's Bench, and the Lord Chief Justice of the Common Pleas. The original confirmation with the official seals in tin boxes, in its original leather case, is now in the possession of the Company in an excellent state of preservation.

On the 19th of the same month they were delivered at their Common Hall in Cheap by Mr. Charles Snow, who received a gratuity of £5. The fees for the confirmation of the By-Laws were "thirty Guineas and thirty Pounds in Silver," or £61. 10s. od.

1679.

ON the 25th March expired the indentures of apprenticeship of one Thomas Lamb, who was admitted to the freedom six years later (1685). He was bound in 1671 to Thomas Dyson of Worcester, Citizen and Tin Plate Worker of London.

In the beginning of this year John Bell was appointed Clerk of the Company. Shortly after his appointment he gave to the Company a silver salt stand engraved "the Gift of John Bell, Clarke to ye Company of Tinn Plate Workers," which is still preserved. It weighs over 16 ounces.

1680.

IN this year was prepared a copy on vellum of the By-Laws (as confirmed two years previously), which I now have in my charge. In the initial T the copyist has drawn the Company's arms, with the motto "Unite in Love." In the silver common seal of the Company (still in our possession) which was probably made in 1670, and certainly before 1679, the motto is given as "Advnate in amorem." The legend reads "✠ SIGILL : SOCIETAT : FERRI. STANNATI · OPERATOR · LONDIN̄." The crest used by the Company was adopted later, but certainly before 1748.

1681.

AT the Quarterly Courts fines were imposed for "ill language," as well as for badly-made wares.

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1682.

THE Audit was held in June, the thirteen auditors meeting at eight o'clock in the morning.

In or prior to this year a Poor's Box was made in tin-plate, doubtless by some freeman of the Company. It has since been lost, but another, made in 1791, is still carefully preserved, and is circulated at each meeting of the Court.

1683.

THOMAS ARIS, *Master*; JOHN BAYNES and GEORGE ROCH, *Wardens*.

THE Company printed in April of this year two sheets, giving the sizes and prices of wares.

The Court searched Bartholomew Fair on the 27th August, and certain persons were summoned for having badly-made wares.

On the 12th June Alexandre Dervoyne, a Frenchman, was admitted to the Brotherhood on producing proofs that he was a Protestant, brought up and educated in the art of tin-plate working in Paris, and had long been a shopkeeper there.

On the 21st December John Bell, who was probably son to John Bell, Clerk of this Company, was bound apprentice to Daniel Smyth, of the Town of Northampton, tin-plate worker, and was admitted to the freedom of that Corporation on the 17th February, 1696. (See under 1709 *postea*.)

1684.

ZACHARIAH BURROUGH, *Master*; EDWARD MACHIN  
and CHARLES PHELPS, *Wardens*.

THE original indenture of apprenticeship of George Bridge, dated the 2nd April, through this Company, is in my hands.

On the 6th May an Inventory was prepared of the Company's goods and chattels, which included, among other articles, "One Fair Silu' Tumble' ex dono Nicholas Harrison" (*which appears in each inventory until 1695, when it was sold*), "the Company's Chest," "the Staffe and head ex dono John Honor," and "the Company's Hammer," which have also long since disappeared.

On the 6th December the Clerk had 20s. paid him for his trouble about the deputation of Robert Bury (*Barry*) against the old lanthorne menders.

1685.

JOHN BAYNES, *Master*, GEORGE ROCH, and RICHARD  
RICHBELL, *Wardens*.

ON the 7th April the Court considered the Lord Mayor's Precept concerning the building of the conduit at the upper end of Cheapside.

1686.

EDWARD MACHIN, *Master*; CHARLES PHELPS and  
NICHOLAS PICKERING, *Wardens*.

ON and after the 7th April in this year the meetings took place "apud Aulam," the old Council Chamber at Guildhall.

On the 7th September it was ordered that Robert Barry be again employed to "take up" (*arrest*) the old lanthorne men as heretofore.

The Court resolved on the 7th December that the cost of preventing the continuance of the newly invented lights lately set up in the City should be borne by the Company.

1687.

GEORGE ROCH, *Master*; CHARLES PHELPS and  
WILLIAM DAVIES, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st November it was decided to obtain the Recorder's Warrant against such tin-plate workers as refused or neglected to take up their freedoms.

On the 7th February, 1687 (o.s.), a Committee was appointed to look out for a Hall for the use of the Company, but the Court subsequently resolved to continue their meetings at the Guildhall.

1688.

CHARLES PHELPS, *Master*; NICHOLAS PICKERING  
and JAMES MEW, *Wardens*.

ON the 31st December James Hawkins, was fined £5 for taking two apprentices eighteen months before his time. Only those who had served or fined for the office of Steward were allowed to bind two apprentices.

On the 6th July the first Master Thomas Aris, Citizen and Ironmonger alias Tin Plate Worker of London, executed a will bequeathing the Company £100, to be lent out at nominal interest to freemen of the Company.

1689.

NICHOLAS PICKERING, *Master*; WILLIAM DAVIES and  
THOMAS STETTLE, *Wardens*.

ON the 3rd September it was ordered that the Upper Warden and the Clerk should attend the Recorder for obtaining four warrants for the apprehension of hawkers and old lanthorne menders.

The Under Warden was a Citizen and Haberdasher, though a tin-plate worker by craft, before the Incorporation of this Company.

1690.

WILLIAM DAVIES, *Master*; JAMES MEW and JOHN  
WELLS, *Wardens*.

ON the 8th January a Petition of the Company to the Common Council was lodged against the proceed-

ings of the Patentees for the new lights. The Court resolved on the 3rd February to bear a proportionate share, with the Companies of Tallow Chandlers and Horners, of the cost of lighting the street of Cornhill "next darke" with candles in lanthornes.

On the 13th November four Assistants and four freemen were appointed as a Committee for managing "the affair of the new lamp lights."

On the 2nd December (at "The White Lyon" in Basinghall Street) it was ordered that leases be granted of the lamp lights, to be set up by this Company, under the Common Seal.

1691.

JAMES MEW, *Master*; THOMAS STETTLE and RICHARD OWEN, *Wardens*.

THOMAS STETTLE dying before his term of office was out, John Wells was elected Upper Warden.

At a Court held on the 2nd February it was ordered that the Beadle should receive a gratuity for his "extraordinary pains about the Hawkers." At the same Court £10 was voted to the new Lamp Lights Committee for carrying on the invention for the use of the Company, and a new Committee was appointed on the 1st August.

On the 1st September it was resolved to hold the meetings at the office of such Lamp Light Committee in Crutched Friars, which was subsequently called "the Company's office."

On the 16th December the Company resolved to

assign all their interest in "the new convex lamp lights," and all the materials thereto belonging, to the assignees of the Patentee for £15 cash and £10 stock.

1692.

JOHN WELLS, *Master*; RICHARD OWEN and JOHN HARRIS, *Wardens*.

ON the 18th April Thomas Oliver, Citizen and Haberdasher, of London, who was a tin-plate worker, bound himself to prevent any apprentice which he might bind in the Haberdashers' Company from following the art of a tin-plate worker.

It was resolved on the 2nd May that for the future the Master, Wardens, and Assistants, with their wives *only*, should dine on the day following Lammas Quarter Day.

1693.

RICHARD OWEN, *Master*; JOHN HARRIS and JOHN BALDWIN, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February the Court again applied to the Recorder for a general warrant against hawkers and illegal workmen; and, at the same Court, ordered £100 to be invested in City funds "for the support of the Government."

On the 1st August Mr. Assistant John Dodson, as treasurer of the Lamp Lights Committee, paid the Company £20 in full discharge of their share in the scheme.



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1694.

JOHN HARRIS, *Master*; JOHN BALDWIN and THOMAS UMFREVILL (or *Umfrevile*), *Wardens*.

On the 13th March proceedings were ordered to be taken against Jeremiah Garrard for taking more apprentices than were allowed by the Charter.

On the 11th April Peter Evans, Under Warden Elect, fined off, and Thomas Umfrevill was elected in his place.

On the 1st November the Court fined one Christopher Reåd 20s. for offering for sale on his booth in West Smithfield three lanthornes of undue size, made of bad materials and badly wrought; two candle boxes badly wrought and not "tacked" with solder; and two tinder-box candlesticks which were not wired in the sockets.

On the 1st February was proved the will of Mr. Past-Master Thomas Aris, by which, in addition to the bequest mentioned under 1688, the Company received money "to buy one silver Bowl with my Arms thereon to be engraven."

1695.

JOHN BALDWIN, *Master*; THOMAS UMFREVILE and JOHN DODSON, *Wardens*.

On the 8th March Edward North was elected Clerk.

On the 8th April the Company received the £100 left by the will of Mr. Past Master Thomas Aris, and

purchased a large silver cup or bowl in his memory as desired by the will. This Cup is still in the Company's possession, and weighs over 45 ozs. The arms of Aris appear thereon, as well as the following inscription: "The Gift of Mr. Thomas Aris, first Master of the Tinn Plate Workers' Company, 1670." (See under 1771.)

At the same Court the "old silver cup" given by Nicholas Harrison was most unfortunately ordered to be "exchanged."

On the 14th May two freemen were heavily fined for illegally publishing the prices of certain commodities without the sanction of the Company, and for disclosing other secrets.

At the same Court the Master was held harmless from any costs incurred by the Patentees of the Convex Lamp Lights when suing in the name of this Company.

1696.

THOMAS UMFREVILE, *Master*; JOHN DODSON and  
JONATHAN HICKS, *Wardens*.

IN the Inventory for this year the Beadle's staff and mace does not appear.

On the 27th March the Company represented to King William III. that in view of "a horrid and detestable conspiracy formed and carried on by Papists and other wicked and traitorous persons for assassinating his Majestyes Royall person in order to encourage an Invasion from France to Subvert our

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Religion, Laws, and Liberties," they had formed themselves into an association for the defence and preservation of the King's person and for the support of his Government. The Petition was signed by 72 members of the Company.

1697.

JOHN DODSON, *Master*; JONATHAN HICKS and  
NICHOLAS ARIS, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd August £10 was lent on security to William Mordent, a Freeman, under the Aris bequest, to assist him in his craft.

1698.

JONATHAN HICKS, *Master*; NICHOLAS ARIS and  
THOMAS BATCHELLOR, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st November Samuel Hawkes, a Freeman, received permission to take his sister-in-law, Katherine Bates, as an apprentice for eight years.

1699.

NICHOLAS ARIS, *Master*; THOMAS BATCHELLOR, and  
RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW, *Wardens*.

JOHN MEAVING was chosen Under Warden, but "fined off" on the 12th April.

1700.

THOMAS BATCHELLOR, *Master*; RICHARD BARTHOLOMEW and JAMES HAWKINS, *Wardens*.

THE death of Mr. Past Master John Baldwin was reported at the Election Court held at the Old Council Chamber, Guildhall, on the 3rd April.

At a Special Court held at the Guildhall on the 2nd July, it was ordered that all tin-plate workers who had not taken up their freedom after having been summoned to do so should be proceeded against.

1701.

JOHN DODSON, *Master*; JAMES HAWKINS and MATHIAS JONES, *Wardens*.

ON the 23rd April a person who was following the trade of a tin-plate worker, and had served a proper apprenticeship, was admitted to the freedom on producing his father's "copy" from the Clothworkers' Company.

On the 1st November a Freeman's journeyman who had not been enrolled in the Company's books received notice to leave his master within a fortnight, under pain of prosecution.

In this year the Company petitioned the Court of Aldermen to declare that for the future the Chamberlain might translate to this Company any tin-plate workers or wire workers who were freemen of other Companies. The Petition is signed by 56 freemen of the Company.

1702.

JAMES HAWKINS, *Master* ; MATHIAS JONES and  
CHARLES BRIDGE, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st August the Master and Wardens and ten members were appointed as a Committee, to consider the best means of obtaining a livery for the Company as well as to prepare proposals for "bringing over" (*importing*) Cross-plates.

On the 8th September the Court of Aldermen decided that all persons, who were by trade tin-plate workers or wire workers living within the City or Liberties, and having a right to the freedom of the City in other Companies, might be made free of this Company by redemption on payment of 6s. 8d.

1703.

MATHIAS JONES, *Master* ; CHARLES BRIDGE and JAMES  
WEBB, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February the Court, on behalf of the Company and of the whole trade, recommended to the merchants trading to Hamburg that for the future any tin-plates they imported should be of tough iron and tinned with fine tin " and halfe Crosse, as the double and full-sized," namely, the double, 16 in. x 12 in. ; the single, 13 in. x 10 in. ; each barrel to contain 450 plates, and to weigh as follows :—

Cross, double barrels	...	4 cwt. 3 qrs.
Ordinary double	...	4 "

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Cross, single barrel	...	2 cwt.
Ordinary single	...	2 „

Barrel for taking plates containing 600, 1 cwt. 1 qr.

The Company took the opportunity of pointing out to the merchants that the trade had suffered very much by the importation of ordinary and unserviceable plates.

1704.

CHARLES BRIDGE, *Master*; JAMES WEBB and  
JEREMIAH GARRARD, *Wardens*.

On the 4th April Sir John Parsons, Lord Mayor, presented one Daniel Davis to be made free of the Company by virtue of his Lordship's prerogative.

1705.

JAMES WEBB *Master*; JEREMIAH GARRARD and  
WILLIAM FRYER, *Wardens*.

THOMAS MAY and Samuel White, both fined for the office of Under Warden.

On the 2nd February an apprentice was admitted to the Freedom after having been sworn "as a Quaker."\*

1706.

JEREMIAH GARRARD, *Master*; WILLIAM FRYER and  
JOHN VARNEY, *Wardens*.

On the 2nd September, at a Special Court held at "Le Bouffleur's Head" Tavern, in Finch Lane,

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\* Until quite recently there have always been several Quakers on the Company's books.

William Morden (*or Mordent*), a member of the Company, had "leave to bind a boy." This implies that Morden was disqualified under the By-laws from binding another apprentice, as he had already attained the limit of numbers. In the case of a "boy," the master had to give an undertaking that upon coming of age he should be presented as an unqualified person from following the trade of a tin-plate worker.

1707.

JEREMIAH GARRARD, *Master*; JOHN VARNEY and  
CHARLES BEARD, *Wardens*.

WILLIAM FRYER was elected master, but died before he was sworn.

Among the apprentices this year was Edward Hull, son of Edward Hull, Vicar (*Choral*) of Salisbury Cathedral, who was bound to Mr. Assistant John Dodson.

1708.

JOHN VARNEY, *Master*; CHARLES BEARD and EDWARD  
BASSE, *Wardens*.

At a Court held at the Guildhall on the 2nd February it was ordered that any freeman who employed a "foreigner" or any person not free of the Company should be prosecuted according to the law.

On the 3rd May, George Foster, a Scotchman, not being free of the Company, obtained a fortnight's leave to work as a journeyman.

In this year the Company presented a Petition to the House of Commons praying for relief from the additional duty laid on tin-plates, and that such duty might not be payable after 1710. The Petition set forth that there were then several hundred artificers and workmen of their trade; that the duty on "single plates" had been increased from 8d. to 5s. 11d. per hundred, and on "double plates" from 1s. 4d. to 11s. 10d. per hundred; and further that the trade would probably be ruined if the new duty were imposed (as it was proposed to do in the case of other goods) for a further period of 96 years.

1709.

CHARLES BEARD, *Master*; EDWARD BASSE and JOHN ROBERTS, *Wardens*.

At a Court held in the old Council Chamber, Guildhall, it was "Ordered that on Thursday come sevenight, being the 10th of November, shall be the feast to treat our Wives, but not to exceed the sum'e of fifteen pounds, pursuant to a former Order of Court." The dinner seems to have taken place at the "Queen's Arms" on Ludgate Hill.

On the 30th November "Mrs. Bell" had delivered to her a certificate by Henry Lee, Town Clerk of Northampton, dated 20th February, 1703, of the facts relating to John Bell's apprenticeship and freedom mentioned under 1683 *ante*.



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1710.

EDWARD BASSE, *Master* ; JOHN ROBERTS and NATHANIEL MIERS, *Wardens*.

IN an inventory prepared on the 1st May the Aris silver cup or bowl is entered as weighing 44 oz. and priced at £12. 2s., being at the rate of 5s. 6d. an ounce.

On the 1st November another feast was ordered "to treat our wives"; it took place at "Cox's Coffee House" in Fleet Street.

1711.

JOHN ROBERTS, *Master* ; NATHANIEL MIERS and WILLIAM BURNETT, *Wardens*.

JAMES HOOKE fined for the Office of Under Warden.

On the 6th March the Court agreed to purchase eleven State lottery tickets for £100.

The usual dinner to the ladies took place on the 15th November at the "George" in Ironmonger Lane.

1712.

NATHANIEL MIERS, *Master* ; WILLIAM BURNETT and WHITING COX, *Wardens*.

ON the 4th February the Commonalty were summoned to the Quarterly Court to hear the Company's Charter and By-laws read.

The Wives' Dinner was held in November, and, as a new feature, music was provided.

1713.

WILLIAM BURNETT, *Master*; WHITING COX and  
EDMUND IBBOTT, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May Charles Beard was allowed to resign the office of Assistant, it being held that his removal from London was a reasonable excuse.

1714.

WHITING COX, *Master*; EDMUND IBBOTT and JOSHUA  
LAMB, *Wardens*.

ON the 5th May steps were taken to prevent any tinware being sold in Spitalfields Market, and subsequently the dealers were ordered to be prosecuted.

At the same Court Mr. Warden Lamb was authorised to pay one guinea to the Duke of Bedford's Steward, but no reason is assigned in the minutes.

It was ordered on the 17th August that a nonsuit be entered in the action commenced by the patentees of the new lamps.

On the 1st November the Master, Wardens, and Past-Masters were appointed a Committee to apply to the Lord Mayor and Court of Aldermen for this Company to be made a Livery Company of the City of London.

1715.

EDMUND IBBOTT, *Master*; JOSHUA LAMB and THOMAS PARSONS, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd March a fresh Committee was appointed in the matter of applying to the Court of Aldermen for a Livery.

1716.

JOSHUA LAMB, *Master*; THOMAS PARSONS and JEREMY (or Jeremiah) GARRARD, *Wardens*.

THOMAS TYNDALL fined for the office of Under Warden.

On the 2nd February John Bell, a tinman and "foreign brother," was allowed to bind an apprentice.

1717.

THOMAS PARSONS, *Master*; THOMAS TYNDALL and JOHN ASHMORE, *Wardens*.

On the 1st August it was ordered that the tinmen coming to Clare Market should be prosecuted. At the same Court it was resolved that, pursuant to the recent Act of Parliament, the lottery order for £100 be continued at 5 per centum, and subscribed into the Bank.

1718.

THOMAS TYNDALL, *Master*; JOHN ASHMORE and THOMAS DEE, *Wardens*.

1719

JOHN ASHMORE, *Master* ; THOMAS DEE and JOSEPH HICKES, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February Thomas May, an assistant was removed for not attending the Courts.

On the 1st April three persons were ordered to be prosecuted for not taking up their freedom.

It was ordered on the 1st May that a Dutchman named John Antony Dick-hough be prosecuted for working at the trade, he having no right so to do.

1720.

THOMAS DEE, *Master* ; JOSEPH HICKES and JOHN WALKER, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February six freemen were each fined 5s. for making slight and ill-made wares.

On the 20th April the Court decided by 12 votes to 11, not to apply for a Patent of Arms to the Heralds' College, nor have the Arms ever since been officially registered.

1721.

JOSEPH HICKES, *Master* ; JOHN WALKER and NATHANIEL LAWFORD, *Wardens*.

THE Master, Wardens, and six Assistants were on the 1st November appointed as a Committee to settle the prices of all sorts of workmanship in the trade.

1722.

JOHN WALKER, *Master*; NATHANIEL LAWFORD and  
RICHARD LEA, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February it was ordered that the bill of rates and prices of tin wares, as it had been settled by the Committee for that purpose, should be forthwith printed.

On the 3rd April three tinmen were sued for not taking up their freedom; and at the same Court it was allowed that 3s. per head only might be spent on the Search on Search Day in each "Walk."

On the 1st November 14 freemen were fined, at the "George," in Ironmonger Lane, for making their wares of damaged stuffs and materials. On the 26th November the Court resolved to protect Mr. Lanke-shire or any other member of the Company in making tin chimney funnels, pretended to be newly invented by Mr. Desaguliers, and for the sole making of which he had obtained a Patent.

1723.

NATHANIEL LAWFORD, *Master*; RICHARD LEA and  
ELDRIDGE POOLE, *Wardens*.

THE Beadle was instructed on the 4th February to summon any person employing a "foreigner." On the 1st August four freemen were fined for bad wares.

Towards the end of his year of office the Master died, and Mr. Edward Basse was elected.

1724.

RICHARD LEA, *Master*; ELDRIDGE POOLE and  
THOMAS YOUNGE, *Wardens*.

It was ordered on the 3rd February that all the unskilled Irishmen should be prosecuted for working, and the masters who should employ any foreigners should also be proceeded against.

On the 3rd August the apprentice of a tin-plate worker at Taunton was admitted to the freedom.

1725.

ELDRIDGE POOLE, *Master*; THOMAS YOUNGE and  
JOSEPH STERREY, *Wardens*.

ON the 3rd May the Beadle was directed to obtain evidence that Mr. Richards employed a foreigner, and to lay the matter before the Chamberlain's officers.

At this time the Company had £30 Capital South Sea Stock, and £30 South Sea Annuity Stock; and at a Court held in the Old Council Chamber, Guild-hall, on the 1st November, it was decided to realise the Capital Stock, and to purchase a further £70 Annuity Stock.\*

1726.

THOMAS YOUNGE, *Master*; JOSEPH STERREY and  
MATHIAS JONES, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st November the Clerk was ordered to prepare, under the Common Seal, a report on the bad

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\* These investments must not be confused with the speculation known as the "South Sea Bubble," which burst in 1720.

quality of the tin-plates marked "C.G.B.," and to forward the document to the manufacturer.

1727.

JOSEPH STERREY, *Master*; JOHN ROBERTS and JOHN SHEEPEY, *Wardens*.

THE Commonalty were summoned on the 12th June to hear the Charter and By-Laws read.

Mr. Mathias Jones resigned his seat on the 5th April.

1728.

JOHN ROBERTS, *Master*; JOHN SHEEPEY and SAMUEL HARRIS, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st August a Freeman had leave to bind a "boy," after paying the fine of £2. 2s., and as soon as the boy was of a proper age.

1729.

JOHN SHEEPEY, *Master*; SAMUEL HARRIS and HENRY WHITE, *Wardens*.

ON the resignation of Mr. North, Mr. Nathaniel Poole, was elected Clerk on the 1st August.

At a Court held at the "George" in Ironmonger Lane, on the 15th August, a motion was made by Mr. Past-Master John Walker in relation to a Patent granted to "a certain person" (*Mr. Desaguliers*) for erecting funnel chimneys made of iron, tin, or other metals, by means whereof such person would monopo-

lise the whole trade of making such chimneys, which was, in fact, part of the Company's business. It was thereupon resolved that should any members be proceeded against on a charge of infringing such Patent, they should be defended and indemnified at the sole expense of the Company.

1730.

SAMUEL HARRIS, *Master*; HENRY WHITE and  
BENJAMIN DEE, *Wardens*.

ON the 18th March, Mr. Edward Hull, one of the Stewards, refused to pay his fine, but declared he would treat the Company to a plain dinner of "two Leggs of Veale, Bacon, and Sprouts, and a Surloine of Beefe," and nothing else. As he subsequently refused to serve his office, he was proceeded against in the Court of Aldermen on the 7th July, and fined £5.

1731.

HENRY WHITE, *Master*; BENJAMIN DEE and ROBERT  
BATES, *Wardens*.

ON the 21st April the Clerk was ordered to prepare an alphabetical list of the freemen of the Company, for which, on the 2nd August, he was voted an honorarium.

A standing order was passed on the 3rd May that no Ladies' Dinner be provided without an order of the General Court.



Mr. Assistant Thomas Bridge gave the large oak chest, still in the Company's possession, inscribed "The Gift of Thos. Bridge, Esqr., 1731, An Assistant of this Company."

1732.

HENRY WHITE, *Master* ; ROBERT BATES and JOHN PRIOR, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May the Company purchased £50 South Sea Annuity Stock.

1733.

ROBERT BATES, *Master* ; JOHN PRIOR and JOHN WILSON, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February the Court decided that they had power to admit as freemen by redemption any persons not being of the trade of a tin-plate worker.

ON the 1st August fines were ordered for late attendance at the meetings.

ON the 29th September Jane Basse was admitted a "freewoman" by patrimony.

ON the 1st November a new bill of trade prices was ordered to be prepared and printed.

1734.

JOHN PRIOR, *Master* ; JOHN WILSON and JOHN HAUGHTON, *Wardens*.

ON the 4th February it was ordered that the coat of arms of "the three lamps" should be printed on the

summonses, and the prefix "Worshipful" added to the style of the Company.

At the same Court Mr. Poole, the Clerk, was made free of the Company on payment of the Stamp Duty and the Beadle's fee.

1735.

JOHN WILSON, *Master*; JOHN HAUGHTON and THOMAS FELLOWS, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May a Committee was ordered to make enquiry as to whether tin-plate working was a trade at the passing of the Statute of the 5th Elizabeth. The following opinion of Mr. Serjeant Eyre, which the Committee had obtained, is in the Company's chest:—"Altho' this trade be not expressly mention'd in the St' 5 Eliz', yet if it was a trade at that time in use any person executing or exercising it, not being qualified according to that St', may be prosecuted for so doing either by Indictm't, Information, or action of debt. In describing the trade it will be sufficient to describe it by the name which it is com'only knowne by (*tinmen*), without having regard to the name by which it is described in the Charter of Incorporation."

1736.

JOHN HAUGHTON, *Master*; THOMAS FELLOWS and GEORGE GILBERT, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd August it was resolved that any member of the Company, who should detect and cause to be arrested any persons hawking tin wares in the streets

unlawfully (to the prejudice of the fair trader), should be allowed 5s. towards his expenses.

1737.

THOMAS FELLOWS, *Master*; GEORGE GILBERT and  
GEORGE HARRISON, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February it was ordered that any person who is not a tin-plate worker shall upon purchasing his freedom of the City be admitted, if desired, to the freedom of this Company.

At a Court held at the Guildhall Coffee-house on the 4th August it was found that, by failure of borrowers and their securities, the Company had lost £59 of the legacy left by Thomas Aris. It appears from the Company's accounts that the balance was also lost in course of time from the same causes.

From a statement made by Mr. Serjeant Eyre in the Court of Common Pleas, on the 27th May, it seems that the Company had no estate, and subsisted entirely upon the quarterages and other fines.

In this year the earliest Court Book of the Company, extending from 1670 to 1682, was produced in an action at Guildhall; but it has since been lost.

1738.

GEORGE GILBERT, *Master*; GEORGE HARRISON and  
THOMAS SMITH, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February the South Sea Annuity Stock was ordered to be reduced to £100.

A revised bill of prices was ordered to be printed on the 1st May.

1739.

GEORGE HARRISON, *Master* ; THOMAS SMITH and  
JOHN WHITWHAM, *Wardens*.

IN connection with the annual dinner given by the Stewards, the following bill was delivered by the Landlord of the "George," in Ironmonger Lane, on the 25th April :—

	£	s.	d.
To Bread and Beer... ..	0	6	6
4 dishes of Spring Fowles boyld wth Greens ... ..	2	2	0
2 Large Hamms & Greens...	1	4	0
2 Pidgeon pyes, 12 in Each ...	1	0	0
12 Chickens & 600 Sparrowgrass ...	2	10	0
2 Marrow puddens ... ..	0	10	0
Cheese ... ..	0	1	6
Tobacco ... ..	0	1	6
Orranges ... ..	0	5	0
Sugar ... ..	0	1	0
Wine ... ..	3	3	6
Sarvants ... ..	0	2	6
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On the 1st August a Committee was appointed to petition the Court of Aldermen for a Livery.

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1740.

THOMAS SMITH, *Master* ; JOHN WHITWHAM and  
RICHARD LANKESHIRE, *Wardens*.

AT a Committee meeting held at the "Rose" Tavern in Cheapside, on the 13th October, the Clerk and the Beadle gave evidence against William Dunn for exercising the trade of a tin-plate worker, contrary to the Statute, and on the 3rd November the Court ordered a prosecution.

1741.

JOHN WHITWHAM, \* *Master* ; RICHARD LANKESHIRE  
and EDMUND CLARKE, *Wardens*.

ON the 21st April the Company dined at the "George" (kept by Thomas Savage) in Ironmonger Lane, when the following bill of fare was used :—  
" 12 Spring Fowles, 6 Boyl'd, 6 Roasted ; 2 Hamms and Greens ; 2 Pidgeon pyes, 12 in Each ; 12 Chickens & Sparrow grass ; 3 Marrow Puddens." This dinner was given, in accordance with the ordinances of the Company, at the expense of the Stewards.

1742.

RICHARD LANKESHIRE, *Master* ; EDMUND CLARKE and  
THOMAS PRIOR, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd August the Court, in answer to an attorney's application, informed him that they were deter-

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\* The Master was a woollen draper in Basinghall Street.

mined not to grant any copies of the Charter and By-Laws.

1743.

EDMUND CLARKE, *Master* ; THOMAS PRIOR and  
THOMAS WILSON, *Wardens*.

IN this year it is noted that questions as to quarterage dues were heard before a " Court of Conscience."

On the 2nd May a Freeman was fined for using opprobrious language, contrary to a By-Law.

1744.

THOMAS PRIOR, *Master* ; THOMAS WILSON and  
SAMUEL FOSSICK, *Wardens*.

ON the 28th March (Election Day) it was ordered that when one or more Assistants should be elected on the same day, and each had received a proper notice, the person first appearing at Court and sworn should take precedence of the others.

£50 Old South Sea Annuities were purchased on the 1st November for £55. 16s. 6d., including brokerage.

1745.

THOMAS WILSON, *Master* ; SAMUEL FOSSICK and  
WILLIAM GIGNER, *Wardens*.

DURING Mr. Wilson's year of office it was ordered that the Company's Coat of Arms and the date of the Charter be painted on the Company's Chest. This decoration does not now exist, and was probably

effaced by reason of the "scratchings" referred to under 1748 *postea*.

1746.

SAMUEL FOSSICK, *Master* ; WILLIAM GIGNER and  
FRYER WALKER, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February, o.s. (*i.e.*, 1747), in Mr. Fossick's Mastership, was entered the following :—" Mem'dum. Mr. Moses Smith and Mr. Nicholas Bull, two of the Assistants of this Company, being lately Married, it was moved this day that after dinner the said Gentlemen should be desired, each of them, to treat the Company present with a Gallon of Wine each, to Drink Health and Prosperity to the Ladys and Selves, to which the said Moses Smith and Nicholas Bull agreed, and instead of Eight Bottles of Wine, treated the Company with two Bowls of Arrack Punch of equall Value with the Wine in Lieu thereof.

" N.B.—This is entered by way of precedent that every Gentleman who is a Member of this Company may do the like for the future on the same Occasion. This Memorandum was approved of by the Company, and Order'd to be Entered."

1747.

WILLIAM GIGNER, *Master* ; FRYER WALKER and  
LEONARD GANDAR, *Wardens*.

ON the 4th June (Search Day) " A Motion was now made by Master Gigner that the Master's Feast " (which was provided at the Master's own expense)

“be in some measure laid aside, by not inviting those persons who have served Steward, And also the Tim Merchants, Glassmen, and Oylmen, but to confine it only to the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants,” who were the only persons summoned for that purpose.

Mr. Walker having died, Mr. Robert Whale was elected Upper Warden 2nd February, 1747 (O.S.)

1748.

WILLIAM GIGNER, *Master*; LEONARD GANDAR and  
WILLIAM KITTERIDGE, *Wardens*.

MR. WARDEN KITTERIDGE died in his wardenship, and Mr. John Howton succeeded him on the 1st November, for the remainder of his year.

On the 13th April it was “Ordered that a new Copper plate with the Company’s Arms be engraved for printing Court Day Summonses at the Expenditure of this Company, and that such Addition be made thereto as Master Gigner shall think proper, and when done to print what Number of Summons’s said Master will please to Order.”

The copper-plate above referred to is now in the possession of the Company, and was used to print the frontispiece of this book.

It was ordered on the 2nd May that “All Elections for the future be scratched for on the Company’s chest, that each Member may scratch in private and not be over looked.” These scratches were afterwards posted up by the Clerk in the Court Books.



1749.

LEONARD GANDAR, *Master* ; JOHN HOWTON and  
WILLIAM NASH, *Wardens*.

ON the 29th March the Court decided not to give a  
Ladies' Feast on May-day.

In November Mr. Nathaniel Poole, the Clerk, died,  
and Mr. Charles Bainbridge was elected in his stead.

1750.

JOHN HOWTON, *Master* ; WILLIAM NASH and JOHN  
MIERS, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May the Court accepted the terms of a  
resolution of the House of Commons, passed on the  
preceding 20th March, as far as it affected the Com-  
pany's £150 Old South Sea Annuities Stock, and  
Mr. Warden Miers was ordered to subscribe thereto at  
the South Sea House.

1751.

WILLIAM NASH, *Master* ; JOHN MIERS and JEREMIAH  
GARRARD, *Wardens*.

THE Company had prosecuted one Thomas Milton  
(for exercising the trade of a tin-plate worker with-  
out being free of the Company) by indictment under  
the Statute of 5 Elizabeth, but the defendant was  
acquitted after the hearing of the trial at Hicks Hall  
on the 15th January. The Court of Assistants ordered  
a fresh prosecution.

"foreigners" using the Weavers' trade to become free of their Company.

1757.

HENRY MARGERUM, *Master*; GEORGE KNIGHT and  
THOMAS NOWELL, *Wardens*.

IN this year the Company was registered as proprietors of £200 Joint Stock South Sea Annuities.

On the 2nd February the Clerk was instructed to apply to the Clerks of such of the City Companies as had obtained Acts of the Common Council, obliging such persons to become free of their Companies as used the respective trades.

On the 25th March a precept was received from the Lord Mayor requiring a list of the names, addresses, and occupations of all the freemen, to enable his Lordship to make nominations for the office of Sheriff, and the Clerk was ordered to prepare such an alphabetical list.

The Master's Feast was held on the 4th July at the "Mermaid," at Hackney.

1758.

GEORGE KNIGHT, *Master*; THOMAS NOWELL and  
THOMAS KYNASTON, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd March a Petition was prepared and ordered to be presented to the Common Council for an Act of that Court that any persons using the trade of

a tin-plate worker within the City of London or Liberties should be compelled to take up their Freedom in this Company. Such Petition was duly presented and referred to a Committee of the Council.

The Master's Feast was held at Mr. Bristow's, at the Spring Gardens, Newington Green, on the 30th June.

1759.

THOMAS NOWELL, *Master* ; THOMAS KYNASTON and  
ROBERT WALE, *Wardens*.

ON the 6th June an act of the Common Council was passed for regulating the Company enacting, among other things, "That from and after the 29th Day of September next ensuing, every Person, not being already Free of this City, using or exercising, or who shall use or exercise, the Art, Trade, or Mystery of a Tin-plate-worker, otherwise wire-worker, or work, make, utter, vend, retail, sell, or put to Sale, any Wares, Goods, or Commodities, made or wrought out of tinned Iron-Plate, or Iron-Wire, within this City, or the Liberties thereof; shall take upon himself the Freedom, and be made a Freeman of the said Company of Tin-plate-workers, otherwise Wire-workers": under a penalty of five pounds.

A Ladies' Dinner was given at the "George," in Ironmonger Lane, on May Day, chiefly at the Master's expense.

1760.

THOMAS KYNASTON, *Master*; ROBERT WALE and  
THOMAS BECK, *Wardens*.

ON the 4th February the Court appointed a Committee to prepare a new "general bill" of prices of all wares of tinned iron-plate or iron-wire made by the freemen.

The Master's Feast was given at the "Swan" Tavern, Chelsea, kept by John Glass.

The report of the Committee on the bill of prices having been read on the 3rd November, the same was added to the old bill, and 1,000 copies of the whole were ordered to be printed for the use of the Company.

1761.

ROBERT WALE, *Master*; THOMAS BECK and JOHN  
DRINKWATER, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February any old bills of prices remaining in the Company's chest were ordered to be destroyed.

A Committee was appointed on the 19th June to request all tin-plate workers in the City of London and Liberties thereof to take up their freedom in the Company, in accordance with the Charter.

1762.

THOMAS BECK, *Master*; JOHN DRINKWATER and  
NABOTH TARINGTON, *Wardens*.

THE Master's Feast took place on the 22nd June at the "Swan" Tavern, Chelsea.

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The By-Laws were publicly read in the Old Council Chamber, Guildhall, on the 2nd August, pursuant to a notice. Mr. Warden Drinkwater died in the Spring of 1763.

1763.

THOMAS NOWELL, *Master*; NABOTH TARINGTON and DANIEL HARRIS, *Wardens*.

THE Master's Feast was given on the 7th July at "Cranberry" (*Canonbury*) House, Islington (kept by a Mr. Lane), instead of at the "Long Room," Hampstead, as at first arranged.

On the 1st August enquiries were ordered to be made as to a proposed application to the Court of Aldermen for a Livery for this Company.

1764.

NABOTH TARINGTON, *Master*; DANIEL HARRIS and GEORGE CONSTABLE, *Wardens*.

THE usual Ladies' Dinner took place on May Day.

On the 1st August it was resolved that each Assistant should be allowed 1s. for attending the Courts, but the resolution was subsequently rescinded.

1765.

DANIEL HARRIS, *Master*; GEORGE CONSTABLE and HENRY SMITH, *Wardens*.

THE Master's Feast was given at Canonbury House on the 4th July.

It was ordered on the 1st November that every member should have a special summons to a meeting in reference to the application for a Livery.

1766.

GEORGE CONSTABLE, *Master*; HENRY SMITH and  
THOMAS HIGGINS, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May it was ordered that the names of apprentices within one year of being out of their time should be laid before the Quarterly Courts; that caveats be entered against those suspected of taking up their freedom in other Companies; and that enquiry be made after apprentices bound to tin-plate workers free of other Companies.

Mr. Bainbridge, the Clerk, died on the 10th May, and was succeeded by Midford Young, who was instructed on the 4th September to prepare the Petition for a Livery.

On the 9th December the Company was created and made a Livery Company of the City of London, as a memorial of which the Company possesses the silver head to the mace carried by their Beadle. It weighs over 17 ozs., and has the following inscription :

" The Worshipful Company of TIN PLATE WORKERS, London. Invested with a Livery y<sup>e</sup> 9<sup>th</sup> of Dec<sup>r</sup> 1766. S<sup>r</sup> Rob<sup>t</sup> Kite, Kn<sup>t</sup> Mayor; Geo: Constable, Ma<sup>r</sup>: Hen: Smith, Tho: Higgins, Wardens; Midf: Young, Clerk. The Master & Wardens, together with Geo: Harrison, Esq<sup>r</sup>. Tho<sup>s</sup> Nowell, Naboth Tarrington, Tho<sup>s</sup> Sabe, being the Committee appointed to obtain the Same. The Gift of M<sup>r</sup> THO<sup>s</sup> NOWELL, twice Master of the Company."

It is surmounted by a gilt representation of the arms, crest, motto, and supporters of the Company.

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At a Meeting held on the 19th December 36 Liverymen were elected. A robe was ordered to be made for the Clerk and a gown for the beadle.

1767.

HENRY SMITH, *Master*; THOMAS HIGGINS and  
WILLIAM NASH, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February the Court ordered to be printed 500 copies of a "Lesson" prepared by Mr. Midford Young, the Clerk, to be given to apprentices at the time of binding. The arms were to be printed at the head of each copy. Of this interesting leaflet, which was first issued in February of this year the Company does not possess a single copy. Mr. Young was presented with the Livery on the 2nd February.

The first Livery list was ordered to be delivered to Alderman Sir Robert Ladbroke on the 22nd April.

The members of the Court having subscribed towards the cost of painting colours for the Company, it was ordered, at a Committee Meeting held at the "Queen's Arms" Tavern, in St. Paul's Churchyard, on the 23rd May that they should be painted on silk by a herald-painter named Pope for £40, with fringe, sockets, poles, and gilt trucks. Unfortunately these colours have long since been lost.

The Master's feast was held at Mr. Wright's, the "Two Blue Posts" at Hackney, on the 9th July.

On the 9th October, in connection with the Lord Mayor's Day Procession, it was ordered that twelve uniform dresses, "similar to those the Supporters to

the Company's Arms appear to be clothed in,"\* as well as proper ribbons and favours, should be provided under the direction of the Master. Bearers were to be engaged to carry the Company's colours and emblems, and whiffers with proper staffs to attend the Company. A bandmaster was to attend with two French horns, two hautboys, one bassoon, a pair of kettle-drums and four fifes; and these twelve musicians were to have uniform caps.

On Lord Mayor's Day the Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Livery met at 10 a.m., breakfasted at the "Queen's Arms" at 11, when "a sideboard of cold sirloin of beef" was provided; and set out in procession at one o'clock in the following order:—

A PORTER.	STANDARD.	A PORTER.
CITY BANNER.	COMPANY'S BANNER.	
CITY STREAMER.	COMPANY'S STREAMER.	
WHIFFLER.	MUSIC.	WHIFFLER.
	PONTOON.	
MOON LANTHORNE.	POOP LANTHORNE.	
WHIFFLER.	BEADLE.	WHIFFLER.
	MASTER.	
COURT.	COURT.	
WHIFFLER.	CLERK.	WHIFFLER.
LIVERY.	LIVERY.	

The Company dined at the "Queen's Arms" at

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\* I carried out the same idea in the Procession of 1894, in total ignorance of what had been done 117 years before! See Appendix D.



three; the musicians dined after the Company; and the colour bearers and whiffers dined at the "Mermaid." By special order, strangers and children were excluded from the entertainments.

1768.

THOMAS HIGGINS, *Master*; WILLIAM NASH and  
BENJAMIN ARIS, *Wardens*.

AN undertaker in Fleet Market was summoned on the 6th April to answer a complaint against him for making coffin-plates and furniture of tin-plate, contrary to the Company's regulations, and promised to desist. Many liverymen voted at the Parliamentary Election in the City this year.

It was ordered on the 2nd May that for the future the Master, Wardens, Clerk, and Beadle should wear their gowns at all Courts.

The Master's Feast was held at Mr. Johnson's, the "Bowling Green House," at Islington, on the 23rd July.

The Company again followed in the Lord Mayor's Procession, and musicians and whiffers were provided as on the last occasion.

1769.

WILLIAM NASH, *Master*; BENJAMIN ARIS and  
EDWARD WALSBY, *Wardens*.

A Lady's Dinner and Ball were given on May Day at the "Queen's Arms," St. Paul's Churchyard.

On the 17th August (being Search Day) the Court made the usual "walks," and collected £12. 15s. 11d. quarterage and fines.

The Company again followed the Lord Mayor in procession on the 9th November with the same state. "Clarinetts" were substituted for hautboys in the band, and blue favours were worn. The dinner took place at the "Horn Tavern," Doctors' Commons.

On the 19th December the petition of several journeymen tin-plate workers (which had been put forward as a petition of the trade in general) complaining of divers grievances and oppression, in respect of their work and the rules of prices for the same, was dismissed, it having been found by the Company's Committee (composed solely of those who were or had been tin-plate workers by trade) that such petition was only signed by some thirteen persons, although put forward under eighty names, and that only one-fourth of the signatories were freemen of the Company.

1770.

BENJAMIN ARIS, *Master* ; EDWARD WALSBY and  
ARNOLD FINCHETT, *Wardens*.

THE Court having considered another Petition of journeymen tin-plate workers, putting forward a revised bill of prices, ordered, on the 1st May, that the same should be also dismissed, the Company's Trade Committee having reported that the suggested new prices were exorbitant, and such as should not be paid.

The Company followed in the Lord Mayor's Procession, with colours and music as before.

1771.

EDWARD WALSBY, *Master*; ARNOLD FINCHETT and  
THOMAS SABE, *Wardens*.

THE Master's Feast took place at the "George and Vulture," Tottenham, on the 20th July.

In this year Master Walsby altered the "Aris" Cup, and the following inscription was added: "This Cup Was Repair'd & Embellish'd with a new foot and pillar at the Expence of Edward Walsby, Master, 1771."

The Company again took part in the Lord Mayor's Procession. Only such Liverymen as followed in the procession were allowed to dine with the Court.

On the 22nd April the Court voted Mr. Young, the Clerk, a silver cup, of the value of £6, in recognition of his extra services to the Company.

1772.

ARNOLD FINCHETT, *Master*; THOMAS SABE and  
SAMUEL BEVINGTON, *Wardens*.

THE Master's Feast was held at "Canonbury House" on the 17th August.

Mr. John Miers presented a pair of drinking cups, weighing over 25 oz., engraved with the arms of the Company and the inscription "The Gift of Mr. John

Miers, Father of the Tin Plate Workers' Company, Anno 1772." They are still in our possession.

At the poll for Lord Mayor in November, sixty-one Liverymen voted.

The Company again resolved to follow in the Lord Mayor's Procession as before.

1773.

THOMAS SABB, *Master*; SAMUEL BEVINGTON and DANIEL FOSSICK, *Wardens*.

THE Master's Feast took place at the "Eagle," at Snaresbrook, on the 9th August.

On the "Search" this year the following amounts were collected:—

				£	s.	d.
London Walk	...	...	...	17	5	2
East Walk	...	...	...	5	15	8
West Walk	...	...	...	3	7	6
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				£26	8	4

The Company took their usual part in the Procession on Lord Mayor's Day.

1774.

SAMUEL BEVINGTON, *Master*; DANIEL FOSSICK and JONATHAN DURDEN, *Wardens*.

IN connection with the scrutiny ordered by the Speaker of the House of Commons into the Election of Members for the City, Mr. Young, the Clerk, was

empowered by resolution of the 2nd February to produce the Company's books if required.

On the 6th April the Clerk was empowered to admit persons to the freedom, by redemption, out of Court.

It was ordered on the 1st November that all Assistants should be fined 1s. if absent from a Meeting, whether they were "in any office or resident or journeying in the country or otherwise."

1775.

DANIEL FOSSICK, *Master*; THOMAS SABE and  
DANIEL VANDEWALL *Wardens*.

THE Clerk was empowered by Letter of Attorney, dated 1st May, under the Common Seal, to receive the dividends on the South Sea Annuities.

Neither in this nor the previous year did the Company take part in the Lord Mayor's Procession.

1776.

THOMAS SABE, *Master*; DANIEL VANDEWALL and  
WALTER WATKINS, *Wardens*.

THERE were 61 Liverymen in this year, according to the printed lists.

One of the freemen who had recently resigned the Livery was, at the Court held in the Guildhall on the 10th April, admonished for having voted as a Liveryman at the election for Chamberlain.

On the 1st November a caveat was ordered to be lodged at the Chamberlain's office against the freedom of an apprentice who, having been bound to a Citizen and Draper, a tin-plate worker by trade, was seeking to take up his freedom in his master's Company.

The Company followed in the Lord Mayor's Procession, and afterwards dined at the "Queen's Arms" Tavern.

1777.

DANIEL VANDEWALL, *Master*; WALTER WATKINS  
and SAMUEL PEARSON, *Wardens*.

THE Charity School of St. Stephen's, Walbrook, bound an apprentice through this Company.

The Court and Livery dined together on Lord Mayor's Day, but did not follow in the Procession.

1778.

WALTER WATKINS, *Master*; SAMUEL PEARSON and  
THOMAS MONKLAND, *Wardens*.

THE Drapers' Company and the Green Coat Hospital, Westminster, bound apprentices through this Company out of charity money.

It was again resolved not to follow in the Lord Mayor's Procession, though the usual dinner took place.

1779.

SAMUEL PEARSON, *Master*; THOMAS MONKLAND and  
PETER WILLIAM BULLOCK, *Wardens*.

THE Whitechapel Charity School, the Quakers' School, Clerkenwell, and the Governors of Christ's Hospital, all bound apprentices through this Company during the year.

The Company resolved to take no part in the Lord Mayor's Procession.

1780.

THOMAS MONKLAND, *Master*; PETER WILLIAM BULLOCK and WILLIAM HALLIER, *Wardens*.

ON the 3rd May in this year was proved the will of Mr. John Miers, which was dated 30th April, 1779. He bequeathed, "to be laid out in the three per cent. Bank Annuities, one hundred and fifty pounds, and the dividends thereof to be divided amongst the poor of the said Company at the February Court yearly." The bequest has increased by bonuses to £245 in the 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  per cent. Consols, and realises £6. 11s. per annum, to which the Members of the Court add £5. 4s. 6d., and divide the total among eleven pensioners.

On the 1st November it was resolved, that in view of the great disadvantages the trade laboured under from the then limited number of apprentices, each freeman should be allowed to take one additional apprentice.

1781.

PETER WILLIAM BULLOCK, *Master*; WILLIAM  
HALLIER and SAMUEL FOSSICK, *Wardens*.

IN February the Court first advertised for recipients for Mr. Miers's Gift, and distributed the money on the 16th of that month.

On the 13th March the daughter of a Montgomeryshire farmer was bound apprentice to a freeman of this Company, who was a haberdasher in Fore Street.

The Court decided on the 1st November to petition the Court of Aldermen to increase the number of the Livery to 100, and appointed a Committee for the purpose.

1782.

WILLIAM HALLIER, *Master*; SAMUEL FOSSICK and  
GEORGE ROGERS, *Wardens*.

ON the 21st January the petition for an increase of the Livery was signed by the Clerk, and subsequently presented to the Court of Aldermen. A Committee of the Aldermen agreed to the increase on condition that the fine was increased, but to this the Company's Committee did not agree.

1783.

SAMUEL FOSSICK, *Master*; GEORGE ROGERS and  
JACOB MEANE, *Wardens*.

MR. YOUNG, the Clerk, was presented on 6th May with a donation of £8. 8s. for a piece of plate, in consideration of extra services.



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A Ladies' dinner was given in the suburbs, as usual, on the 1st August.

1784.

GEORGE ROGERS, *Master* ; JACOB MEANE and  
JOSEPH LUCAS, *Wardens*.

THE usual Ladies' dinner was given out of town on the 2nd August.

On the 1st November the Clerk was ordered to deliver the Company's plate to "Mr. Griffiths," and take his receipt for the same.

1785.

JACOB MEANE, *Master* ; JOSEPH LUCAS and THOMAS  
PATRICK, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd February a freeman asked to be translated to the Cordwainers' Company to enable him to be a candidate for the place of searcher and sealer of leather.

On the 1st November Mr. Young was asked to prepare a case for Counsel as to the rights of the Company against non-freemen. The widow of Mr. Past-Master Thomas Sabe presented the Company with the trophies (*i.e.*, the pontoon and lanthorns) which had been carried in the Lord Mayor's Procession. These have disappeared.

1786.

JOSEPH LUCAS, *Master*; THOMAS PATRICK and  
ROBERT BULLCOCK, *Wardens*.

A COMMITTEE was appointed on the 2nd February to regulate the wages of the journeymen tin-plate workers, and it was composed of seven Assistants, and seven Traders not on the Court. Their report was read on the 19th April, and referred back.

The May Day Dinner took place at the "Horn" Tavern—no other wine than port, sherry, and Lisbon being provided—and a Ladies' Dinner in August.

£100 South Sea Annuities were sold in November to discharge the arrears of Orphans' Duty.

On the 1st November Mary Fossick was admitted a freewoman.

1787.

THOMAS PATRICK, *Master*; ROBERT BULLCOCK and  
JOSHUA OWEN, *Wardens*.

THE Committee on journeymen's wages was dissolved on the 11th April, having been unable to effect an agreement. On the same day all restrictions as to the number of apprentices allowed to each freeman were done away with.

The Court and their ladies dined in the country on the 1st August.

In this year the Company bound apprentices through the following Charities:—Langbourn Ward

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School, Christ's Hospital, Bartholomew Close Protestant Dissenting School, and Drapers' Company.

1788.

ROBERT BULLCOCK, *Master*; JOSHUA OWEN and  
ROBERT HARRIS, *Wardens*.

EIGHT London tin-plate workers were on the 1st May summoned to take up their freedom, and proceedings were subsequently taken under the Act of Common Council.

Mr. Past-Master Monkland, residing at Bath, having resigned his office, received a general invitation to attend all Court Dinners.

A freewoman was admitted by redemption on the 3rd November.

1789.

JOSHUA OWEN, *Master*; ROBERT HARRIS and  
DAVID FONTAINE, *Wardens*.

IN this year thirteen apprentices were bound, two of them through the Charities of the Welsh Charity School, and Lambeth Free School.

Ladies' Dinners appear to have been given as usual in this as well as the preceding year.

1790.

ROBERT HARRIS, *Master*; DAVID FONTAINE and  
WILLIAM WARRINGTON *Wardens*.

IN this year six freemen were admitted and eighteen apprentices bound. Of the latter William Evans received the benefit of the £10 granted by Doctor Bromfield's Perpetual Charity for putting out poor boys. It is recorded that Abraham Offin, the younger, one of these apprentices, was the younger brother of Mr. James Offin, who was living at Brentwood, Essex, in 1855.

1791.

DAVID FONTAINE, *Master*; WILLIAM WARRINGTON  
and WILFRED REED, *Wardens*.

THE present poor's box was presented by Mr. Daniel Fossick on the 2nd February.

Miers's gift this year produced £7. 7s., and was distributed among 27 persons—11 women and 16 men.

1792.

WILLIAM WARRINGTON, *Master*; WILFRED REED  
and WILLIAM COULDERY, *Wardens*.

RICHARD NEVISON, the Beadle, received the sum of £2. 2s. for loss of perquisites.

Twelve apprentices were bound in this year and six freemen admitted.

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On the 1st August Mr. George Cooper, of Gravesend, surgeon, fined for the office of Steward.

1793.

WILFRED REED, *Master*; WILLIAM COULDERY and  
EDWARD COLLINSON, *Wardens*.

THE election of a Liveryman on 1st November was discharged owing to his not being free of the City.

1794.

WILLIAM COULDERY, *Master*; EDWARD COLLINSON  
and ROBERT FOSSICK, *Wardens*.

ON the 11th December William Firth, apprentice to the late Thomas Patrick, a freeman, was turned over to Thomas Patrick, junior, of Newgate Street, his son and successor in the business of a tin-plate worker. The executors to the will of Mr. Patrick, senior, were Messrs. Midford Young, the Clerk, and John Macquistin.

1795.

EDWARD COLLINSON, *Master*; ROBERT FOSSICK and  
WILLIAM WRATHALL, *Wardens*.

MR. PAST-MASTER JACOB MEANE died leaving a widow, Mary (one of his executors), and a son, Jacob Meane, junior, of Snow Hill, coffin-plate chaser and freeman.

1796.

ROBERT FOSSICK, *Master*; WILLIAM WRATHALL and  
NATHANIEL RAVIS, *Wardens*.

ON the 30th March the Court was held at the "Horn"  
Tavern, Doctors' Commons.

In the list of Freemen occurs the name of Garnett  
Terry, copper-plate engraver to the Bank of England.

£100 Old South Sea Annuities were purchased in  
addition to the £600 belonging to the Company.

A fine of 2s. 6d. was to be paid for late attendance  
at the Courts, and this has recently been revived.

1797.

WILLIAM WRATHALL, *Master*; NATHANIEL RAVIS  
and ROBERT HOWARD, *Wardens*.

ON the 14th November £21 was sent to Lloyd's as a  
donation towards relieving the widows and children of  
the brave seamen who fell in the recent engagement  
between the English and Dutch fleets.

1798.

NATHANIEL RAVIS, *Master*; JOSEPH HARRIS and  
SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN, *Wardens*.

MR. GARNETT TERRY, the Bank of England engraver,  
was elected an Assistant on the 13th February.

At the same Court a Committee was appointed for  
applying to the Court of Aldermen for an augmentation  
of the Livery.

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1799.

JOSEPH HARRIS, *Master*; SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN and  
THOMAS AXTELL, *Wardens*.

THE Clerk reported on the 1st May that he had paid  
the tax on the Company's Armorial Bearings.

1800.

SAMUEL CHAMBERLAIN, *Master*; THOMAS AXTELL  
and RICHARD JONES, *Wardens*.

A DINNER was provided on Lord Mayor's Day for  
36 Liverymen at 3 p.m., and a Supper in the evening,  
but tea was to be dispensed with.

1801.

THOMAS AXTELL, *Master*; RICHARD JONES and  
JAMES SMETHURST, *Wardens*.

MR. BULLCOCK was removed from the Court, by  
resignation, to "the Livery side of the List," and  
placed thereon as senior.

1802.

RICHARD JONES, *Master*; JAMES SMETHURST and  
WILLIAM BULL, *Wardens*.

MR. DANIEL FOSSICK, Father of the Company, pre-  
sented three dozen table-spoons, weighing about  
83 ounces, each being thus inscribed: "The Gift of

Daniel Fossick, Father of this Company, 1802." They are still owned by the Company.

A List of the Court and Livery was ordered to be printed in November, but there is no copy of it in the Company's papers.

1803.

JAMES SMETHURST, *Master*; WILLIAM BULL and JOHN RILAND MANDER, *Wardens*.

IN April a box was provided for the Company's plate, but has since been lost. Each item on the inventory of plate is now kept in a separate box.

1804.

WILLIAM BULL, *Master*; JOHN RILAND MANDER and WILLIAM MATHEWS, *Wardens*.

A LIST of the Court and Livery was printed for Lord Mayor's Day, of which no copy has been kept; and a box was provided by Mr. Assistant John Smith for the Company's books and papers, which is now missing.

1805.

JOHN RILAND MANDER, *Master*; WILLIAM MATHEWS and WILLIAM SLARK, *Wardens*.

ON the 19th February the Court considered the Act of 44 George III., cap. 98, as to a progressive stamp duty on indentures of apprenticeship.



At the same Court 250 copies of the Freeman's Oath were ordered to be printed.

By order of the Court, on the 29th August, a book of wages for making the various sorts of tin-wares, which had been compiled under the supervision of the Master and Wardens, was ordered to be printed and circulated. After a number of copies had been disposed of, and the expense of compiling, printing &c., had been defrayed, the remaining sum was appropriated to reimburse the subscribers to a certain fund which had been raised by the Masters in the trade to meet legal charges in proceedings against the workmen.

The following is a copy of the title-page to this "Book of Wages," of which the Company has no copy:—

"Wages for Making the various Sorts of Tin Wares. Proposed by a General Meeting of the Manufacturers, and after due Examination by a Committee appointed by the Court of Assistants of the Tin Plate Workers' Company of London agreed to and confirmed by a Special Court held at Guildhall this 29th day of August, 1805." Then follows the names of the Master, Wardens, and 25 Assistants.

1806.

WILLIAM MATHEWS, *Master*; WILLIAM SLARK and  
JOHN SMITH, *Wardens*.

THE May Day Dinner took place at the London Coffee House, which was chosen, instead of the "Horn" Tavern, after a ballot had been taken on the matter.

By resolution of the Court allowances were made to the Assistants for coach-hire. The half-crowns forfeited by the Assistants were to be paid into the Poor's Box, and this rule has been recently revived.

On Lord Mayor's Day a list of the Court and Livery was published.

1807.

WILLIAM SLARK, *Master*; JOHN SMITH and ROBERT BETON, *Wardens*.

NICHOLAS ROBINSON had been elected Under Warden, but resigned his seat on the Court on the 1st May.

Robert Harris and Joseph Lucas, both Assistants, died during this year.

1808.

JOHN SMITH, *Master*; ROBERT BETON and THOMAS FLATHER, *Wardens*.

At a Court held on the 2nd May the key of the Company's Chest was entrusted to Mr. Under Warden Flather.

A new list of the Court and Livery was prepared in July.

By order of the Court on the 1st November any Assistant absent during the calling over of the names was to be accounted late, and fined.

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1809.

ROBERT BETON, *Master*; THOMAS FLATHER and  
DANIEL JOSHUA OWEN, *Wardens*.

THE Company's Petition for an augmentation of the Livery was presented by the Master, Wardens, Clerk, and Beadle in their gowns to the Court of Aldermen, on the 30th May. It was considered by a Committee of that Court, and on the 20th June the Petition was granted, and the limit of the Livery was increased from 60 to 120, it having been proved in evidence that the Company had been increasing in respectability. Accordingly 22 new Liverymen were elected before the end of the year.

On the 1st November 120 new Livery lists were ordered to be printed.

1810.

THOMAS FLATHER, *Master*; DANIEL JOSHUA OWEN  
and DANIEL MASTERMAN, *Wardens*.

£300 Old South Sea Annuities were purchased at a cost, including brokerage, of £205. 17s. 6d.

The Charter and By-Laws were publicly read on the 1st August.

The dinner on Lord Mayor's Day was not held, owing to the death of Her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia, youngest daughter of King George III., on the 2nd November, and the illness of her Royal father.

1811.

DANIEL JOSHUA OWEN, *Master*; DANIEL MASTERMAN  
and ROBERT HAYWARD, *Wardens*.

THE summonses for May Day were ordered to be printed on post letter paper, with the arms from the copper-plate, which was then in the possession of Mr. Assistant William Howard.

A new Livery list was ordered to be printed, with the dates of election against each name.

1812.

DANIEL MASTERMAN, *Master*; ROBERT HAYWARD  
and WILLIAM HOWARD, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd November the Clerk was to prepare a list of the Quarterages due by the Livery, and such arrears were to be collected by the Beadle.

Mr. Past-Master William Hallier died before the 3rd August.

1813.

ROBERT HAYWARD, *Master*; WILLIAM HOWARD and  
WILLIAM SLARK, Jun., *Wardens*.

IT was ordered, on the 2nd February, that at all future meetings a painted board should be hung up at the Guildhall, indicating in what Committee Room the Court was sitting. This has been revived.

A Citizen and Patten maker, who was a tin-plate worker by craft, was allowed to take over the apprenticeship of a deceased freeman, on the 10th November.

1814.

WILLIAM HOWARD, *Master*; WILLIAM SLARK, Jun.,  
and THOMAS BALL, *Wardens*.

WILLIAM BRIDGES JARRETT CHAMPION, who was  
elected a Liveryman on the 2nd February, 1813, was  
killed on board a frigate of which he was the Com-  
mander, during an engagement in the first half of this  
year.

1815.

WILLIAM SLARK, Jun., *Master*; THOMAS BALL and  
JOHN LONDON, *Wardens*.

MR. RICHARD SANDERSON, who was M.P. for Colches-  
ter in 1844, was admitted to the freedom this year.

1816.

JOHN LONDON, *Master*; WILLIAM BENNETT and  
BOSWELL BETON, *Wardens*.

A NEW list of the Court and Livery was, on the 1st  
November, ordered to be printed under the direction  
of Master London. On the 9th of the same month  
the Company dined at the "London" Coffee House  
after the Lord Mayor's Procession.

1817.

WILLIAM BENNETT, *Master*; BOSWELL BETON and  
EDWARD COLLINSON, *Wardens*.

IN consequence of the death of Her Royal Highness  
the Princess Charlotte Augusta of Saxe-Coburg, only

child of H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, on the 6th November, the Lord Mayor's Day Dinner was postponed.

1818.

BOSWELL BETON, *Master*; EDWARD COLLINSON and THOMAS COLLINSON, *Wardens*.

AT the request of Mr. Mitton, the Clerk, who was in failing health, the Court on the 25th March elected a Deputy Clerk in accordance with the Charter.

Mr. Past-Master William Bennett died early in this year.

The May Day Dinner took place at the "Old London" Tavern (kept by Hale & Co.) in Bishopsgate Street.

In this year Mr. Charles Harris, surgeon, took up his freedom. He died at Brighton in 1872.

1819.

EDWARD COLLINSON, *Master*; THOMAS COLLINSON, and GEORGE OLIVER, Jun., *Wardens*.

MR. WILLIAM MITTON, the Clerk, having died, James Edward Pownall, late Deputy Clerk, was elected Clerk on the 14th April.

The copies of the Charter and By-Laws were, on the 11th April, ordered to be rebound in green vellum, their present covers.

A motion was carried on the 1st November that all tin-plate workers and wire workers should be called upon to take up their freedom.

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1820.

THOMAS COLLINSON, *Master* ; GEORGE OLIVER, Jun.,  
and MILES BURKITT, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May the Court adopted the opinion of Counsel (Mr. William Bolland) on their Charter and By-Laws, which set forth their right to force craftsmen to take up the freedom. Two hundred and fifty summonses were accordingly ordered to be printed and issued.

On the 1st November a letter was received from the Charity Commissioners as to Miers's Gift.

1821.

GEORGE OLIVER, Jun., *Master* ; MILES BURKITT  
and JOHN FOWLER, *Wardens*.

IN response to the notices issued in 1820 several tin-plate workers and wire workers took up their freedom in the Company. Lists of the non-freemen, with their addresses, are entered on the Court Book.

1822.

MILES BURKITT, *Master* ; JOHN FOWLER and  
EDMUND HOMERSHAM, *Wardens*.

ON Lord Mayor's Day the Court and Livery Dinner took place at the London Coffee House on Ludgate Hill, at the members' own expense. The same rule was observed at the May-Day Dinner.

Eleven non-freemen were summoned in this year.

1823.

JOHN FOWLER, *Master*; EDMUND HOMERSHAM and  
RICHARD WALDUCK, *Wardens*.

1824.

EDMUND HOMERSHAM, *Master*; RICHARD WALDUCK  
and HENRY BURN, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st November the Master presented a piece of plate of the value of ten guineas to Mr. Assistant Aubrey for his voluntary attention to the business of this Company in the absence of Mr. Pownall, the late Clerk to the Master, Wardens, and Court of Assistants.

1825.

WILLIAM MATHEWS, *Master*; HENRY BURN and  
JAMES AUBREY, *Wardens*.

At the commencement of this year Mr. George Goddard was appointed Clerk in the place of Mr. Pownall.

1826.

HENRY BURN, *Master*; JAMES AUBREY and WILLIAM  
DICKENSON, *Wardens*.

1827.

JAMES AUBREY, *Master*; WILLIAM DICKENSON and  
JOHN HODGKINSON, *Wardens*.



1828.

WILLIAM DICKENSON, *Master* ; JOHN HODGKINSON  
and LEATHAM HOWARD, *Wardens*.

ACCORDING to an inventory made on the 25th of April  
it appears that all the plate then possessed by the  
Company is now in my custody, but three flags and  
two flagstaffs have been lost for some years.

1829.

JOHN HODGKINSON, *Master* ; LEATHAM HOWARD  
and OLIVER VILE, *Wardens*.

A LIVERY Dinner was held on Lord Mayor's Day at  
the "Horn" Tavern, Doctors' Commons.

1830.

LEATHAM HOWARD, *Master* ; OLIVER VILE and  
UNDERWOOD PRICE, *Wardens*.

1831.

OLIVER VILE, *Master* ; UNDERWOOD PRICE and  
JOHN WYKE FOWLER, *Wardens*.

1832.

UNDERWOOD PRICE, *Master* ; JOHN WYKE FOWLER  
and THOMAS JENKS, *Wardens*.

1833.

JOHN WYKE FOWLER, *Master*; THOMAS JENKS and  
GREGORY JARMAN, *Wardens*.

1834.

THOMAS JENKS, *Master*; GREGORY JARMAN and  
AMBROSE WARDE, *Wardens*.

1835.

GREGORY JARMAN, Esq., *Master*; AMBROSE WARDE  
and JOHN ELLIS, *Wardens*.

1836.

AMBROSE WARDE, *Master*; JOHN ELLIS and  
WILLIAM DAWSON, *Wardens*.

MR. JARMAN acted as Master on behalf of Mr. Warde,  
who was not installed until 2nd February, 1837.

1837.

JOHN ELLIS, *Master*; WILLIAM DAWSON and  
WILLIAM HEWITT, *Wardens*.

1838.

WILLIAM DAWSON, *Master*; WILLIAM HEWITT and  
RICHARD HUGHES, *Wardens*.

MR. GEORGE GODDARD having died in this year,  
Mr. Edward Burkitt was appointed to the office of  
Clerk.

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1839.

WILLIAM HEWITT, *Master*; RICHARD HUGHES and  
ADAM URIAH BRYANT, *Wardens*.

IN this year was prepared and published a full list of all the members of the Company with their addresses, which, besides the Master, Wardens, Clerk, and Beadle, included twenty-five assistants, fifty-nine livery men, and three hundred and five freemen—a total of three hundred and ninety.

1840.

WILLIAM HEWITT, *Master*; ADAM URIAH BRYANT  
and FRANCIS HENRY JOSIAH LANGTON, *Wardens*.

OWING to his refusal to conform to the ordinances of the Company, Mr. Richard Hughes, the Master Elect, was removed from the Court of Assistants by resolution, and the duties of Master were performed by Mr. Hewitt for the second time.

1841.

ADAM URIAH BRYANT, *Master*; BOSWELL BETON and  
THOMAS LOVE BULL, *Wardens*.

1842.

WILLIAM SLARK, *Master*; THOMAS LOVE BULL and  
FRANCIS BYAS, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd of May the Master entertained the members of the Court to dinner at the Bridge House Hotel.

1843.

THOMAS LOVE BULL, *Master*; EDWARD BYAS and  
THOMAS BARBER, *Wardens*.

1844.

EDWARD BYAS, *Master*; THOMAS BARBER and  
WILLIAM NEWTON, *Wardens*.

MR. RICHARD SANDERSON, M.P., was elected to the  
Court, but did not serve.

On the 1st February the payments to the Company's  
"Quarterly Poor" were increased from 5s. 6d. to 10s.

1845.

THOMAS BARBER, *Master*; WILLIAM NEWTON and  
WILLIAM SLARK, Junior, *Wardens*.

At the request of the Common Council, and in refer-  
ence to the Bill before the House of Lords for enabling  
all persons to trade within the City of London, the  
Clerk (Mr. E. Burkitt) prepared a return of such of  
the Liverymen as were householders within seven  
miles of the City.

1846.

WILLIAM NEWTON, *Master*; WILLIAM SLARK, Junior,  
and JOHN HODGKINSON, *Wardens*.

THE Inauguration Dinner took place at the "Crown  
and Sceptre," Greenwich, on the 1st May.

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1847.

WILLIAM SLARK, Junior, *Master* ; JOHN HODGKINSON  
and JOSEPH RICKERBY, *Wardens*.

SIR BENJAMIN SMITH, Knight, a Liveryman, was  
offered a seat on the Court, which he was obliged to  
decline.

On the 1st February it was proposed to raise a fund  
for erecting and endowing almshouses for the poorer  
members of the Company, and £200 was promised by  
Messrs. George and John Oliver. A Committee was  
appointed, but sufficient money was not subscribed.

1848.

JOHN HODGKINSON, *Master* ; JOSEPH RICKERBY and  
CRAWFORD BURKITT *Wardens*.

SIR JOHN DODSON, Freeman of the Company, was  
elected Steward.

1849.

JOSEPH RICKERBY, *Master* ; CRAWFORD BURKITT and  
ROBERT HARVEY, *Wardens*.

At the Election Court Mr. Adam Uriah Bryant re-  
signed his seat as an Assistant.

1850.

CRAWFORD BURKITT, *Master* ; ROBERT HARVEY and  
JOHN WHITE, *Wardens*.

MESSRS. EDWARD COLLINSON and Boswell Beton,  
members of the Court, died during this year.

1851.

ROBERT HARVEY, *Master*; JOHN WHITE and  
RICHARD SANDERSON, *Wardens*.

IN consideration of the Opening in State, by the Queen, of the Great Exhibition of All Nations in Hyde Park, the May Quarterly Court was adjourned for a week.

1852.

JOHN WHITE, *Master*; THOMAS LOVE BULL and  
JOHN MORLAND, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st November the Court adopted a resolution similar to that passed by the Worshipful Company of Butchers, as to the exclusion of strangers from Common Hall.

On Lord Mayor's Day the Livery Dinner took place at the Bridge House Hotel.

1853.

RICHARD SANDERSON, *Master*; JOHN MORLAND and  
WILLIAM ATKINSON, *Wardens*.

ON the 23rd August was proved the Will of Mr. Past-Master John White, who died in this year, by which he bequeathed a legacy of £1,000 to the Company for the erection of Almshouses, subject to the life interest of an old servant.

The Livery Dinner usually held on Lord Mayor's Day was postponed until the 23rd November.

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1854.

JOHN MORLAND, *Master*; WILLIAM ATKINSON and  
JAMES BOWEN MAY, *Wardens*.

ON the 9th March Mr. John White's legacy was  
transferred by his Executors to the Court of Chancery  
for the payment of interest to the annuitant.

1855.

WILLIAM ATKINSON, *Master*; JAMES BOWEN MAY  
and ELI WILLIAM BAYLIE, *Wardens*.

1856.

JAMES BOWEN MAY, *Master*; ELI WILLIAM BAYLIE  
and GEORGE OFFOR, Junior, *Wardens*.

THE Livery Dinner was held on the 1st May at the  
"Plough," Blackwall, as in preceding years.

1857.

ELI WILLIAM BAYLIE, *Master*; GEORGE OFFOR,  
Junior, and JAMES SMITH BRAZIER, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May (the occasion of the opening of the  
Grand Concerts at the Crystal Palace), after the  
Quarterly Meeting, the Court and Livery dined at  
the Longton Hotel, Sydenham.

1858.

THOMAS BULL, *Master*; JAMES SMITH BRAZIER and  
ROBERT HARVEY, *Wardens*.

1859.

EDWARD BYAS, *Master*; ROBERT HARVEY and  
GEORGE OFFOR, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st August Mr. Assistant Thomas Jenks resigned on account of old age, and Mr. Thomas Timothy Benningfield was elected.

1860.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*; WILLIAM NEWTON and  
THOMAS TIMOTHY BENNINGFIELD, *Wardens*.

MR. Past-Master Eli William Baylie died on the 11th July.

1861.

WILLIAM DAWSON, *Master*; THOMAS TIMOTHY BENNINGFIELD and GEORGE SEYMOUR, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st May the Livery Dinner took place at the "Ship," at Greenwich, as it did in the three preceding years.

1862.

THOMAS TIMOTHY BENNINGFIELD, *Master*; GEORGE SEYMOUR and ROBERT HARVEY, *Wardens*.

THE May Quarterly Court was adjourned from the 1st to the 6th May, as the opening of the International Exhibition took place on the former date. After the adjourned meeting the Livery Dinner was held at the "Ship," at Greenwich.



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1863.

GEORGE SEYMOUR, *Master* ; ROBERT HARVEY and  
GEORGE OFFOR, *Wardens*.

ON the 20th June the Master, Wardens, Court and Livery, with their ladies, dined at the "Crown," Broxbourne, Herts, kept by Mr. John Benningfield, a liveryman of more than forty years' standing.

1864.

WILLIAM NEWTON, *Master* ; GEORGE OFFOR and  
BENJAMIN PERKINS, *Wardens*.

ON the 15th July the Court and Livery dined, with their ladies, at Broxbourne, as in the preceding year.

1865.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master* ; BENJAMIN PERKINS and  
JAMES BOWEN MAY, *Wardens*.

1866.

BENJAMIN PERKINS, *Master* ; JAMES BOWEN MAY  
and ROBERT HARVEY, *Wardens*.

1867.

JAMES BOWEN MAY, *Master* ; CRAWFORD BURKITT  
and THOMAS LOVE BULL, *Wardens*.

ON the 15th March died Mr. Robert Harvey, late Under Warden, and on the 21st October Mr. Assistant John Morland also died.

1868.

CRAWFORD BURKITT, *Master*; THOMAS LOVE BULL  
and BENJAMIN PERKINS, *Wardens*.

ON the 23rd May Mr. Assistant William Newton died,  
having bequeathed to the Company the sum of £100  
New £3 per cent. Annuities for their private funds.

1869.

THOMAS LOVE BULL, *Master*; BENJAMIN PERKINS  
and GEORGE OFFOR, *Wardens*.

1870.

BENJAMIN PERKINS, *Master*; GEORGE OFFOR and  
THOMAS LOVE BULL, *Wardens*.

MR. BULL died on the 24th October.

1871.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*; BENJAMIN PERKINS and  
JAMES BOWEN MAY, *Wardens*.

1872.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*; BENJAMIN PERKINS,  
*Upper Warden*.

MR. Past-Master Stark died at Herne Bay on the 14th  
of April.

Mr. Perkins died on the 4th June, leaving two sons  
—Mr. J. W. Perkins (now Past-Master) and Mr. R. W.  
Perkins, a Liveryman.

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1873.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*.

1874.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*.

IN this year, owing to the reduced income of the Company, there were only seven pensioners on the "Quarterly Poor" list, although, of course, the trusts created by "Miers's Gift" were duly administered.

1875.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*.

IN this year twenty-four freemen, the same number of liverymen, and five Assistants were elected.

1876.

GEORGE OFFOR, *Master*; STEPHEN PHILPOT LOW, D.L., J.P., and WILLIAM CURLING ANDERSON, J.P., *Wardens*.

ON the 1st February the Court prepared a scheme for offering prizes for tin-plate, wire-work, and all other productions connected with the craft of the Company.

ON the 6th May the Court and Livery dined at the Alexandra Palace, and the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs were invited.

1877.

STEPHEN PHILPOT LOW, D.L., J.P., *Master*; WILLIAM CURLING ANDERSON, J.P., and FREDERICK EACHUS WILKINSON, M.D., *Wardens*.

ON the 20th March Mr. Low presented a Master's robe to the Company.

On the 1st May a Livery Dinner was given, to which the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs, the City Members, and the Masters of the Mercers', Fishmongers', Curriers', Turners', and Needlemakers' Companies were invited.

On the 15th July the Rev. James Prosser, M.A., Honorary Chaplain, died, aged 88.

On the 1st August the Court granted the Company's first donation to the Metal Trades' Pension Society.

1878.

STEPHEN PHILPOT LOW, D.L., J.P., *Master*; WILLIAM CURLING ANDERSON, J.P., and FREDERICK EACHUS WILKINSON, M.D., *Wardens*.

IN the summer of this year the Company held an interesting and successful Industrial Exhibition of Tin Plate and Wire Work at the Crystal Palace, and prizes in money and medals, as well as the honorary freedom of the Company, were awarded to the Exhibitors of the best work, as the result of voluntary subscriptions by members of the Court.

Sir Thomas Scambler Owden, Lord Mayor, a Freeman of this Company, entertained the Master, Wardens, and Court to a dinner at the close of such Exhibition, which he had opened in state, attended by the Sheriffs, on the 29th June.

1879.

WILLIAM CURLING ANDERSON, J.P. *Master* ; FREDERICK EACHUS WILKINSON, M.D., and CHARLES JENKIN JONES, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st February a silver salver was presented to Mr. Under Warden Jones in testimony of the Court's sense of the services rendered by him as Honorary Secretary of the Exhibition held in 1878.

The Rev. John Lockhart Ogle was appointed Honorary Chaplain during the pleasure of the Court, but afterwards resigned his office in favour of the Very Rev. the Dean of Rochester.

1880.

FREDERICK EACHUS WILKINSON, M.D., *Master* ; CHARLES JENKIN JONES and FREDERICK WILLIAM REYNOLDS, *Wardens*.

ON the 25th May, the Court met several manufacturers and other representatives of the tin-plate working trade at the Mansion House, to consider in what manner the Company could best promote technical education in the holding of another Exhibition, but, owing to a lack of interest on the part of the majority

of the manufacturer (who were invited by public advertisements), the matter was adjourned.

1881.

CHARLES JENKIN JONES, *Master*; FREDERICK WILLIAM REYNOLDS and FREDERICK WEST, F.R.G.S., *Wardens*.

ON the 11th January the Right Honourable John Robert Townsend, Earl Sydney, P.C., G.C.B., was presented with the freedom and livery and elected a Steward of this Company in the presence of the Lord Mayor, at the Mansion House. His Lordship had twice held the offices of Lord Chamberlain and Lord Steward of the Royal Household.

On the 2nd August Mr. Edward Burkitt, Clerk, died, and his son, Mr. Edward Herbert Burkitt, was appointed in his stead.

1882.

FREDERICK WILLIAM REYNOLDS, *Master*; FREDERICK WEST, F.R.G.S., and JOSEPH EDWARD TURNER, *Wardens*.

ON the 7th July Mr. Vice-Chancellor Bacon directed that so soon as a proper site for the purpose indicated in the will of Mr. John White was obtained, the Company would be entitled to the £1,000 Consols.

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1883.

FREDERICK WEST, F.R.G.S., *Master*; JOSEPH EDWARD TURNER and JOHN THOMAS CROSSLEY, Q.C., *Wardens*.

DURING this year the Members of the Court transferred their attendance fees to a "Building Fund," and obtained professional advice and plans for the proposed almshouses. They also advertised repeatedly for a gift of land as a suitable site, and did their utmost to further the "White" scheme.

1884.

JOSEPH EDWARD TURNER, *Master*; JOHN THOMAS CROSSLEY, Q.C., and ARTHUR ERAT HUGGINS, *Wardens*.

ON the 25th June Sir John George Edward Henry Douglas Sutherland Campbell (commonly called Marquess of Lorne), K.T., G.C.M.G., P.C., was presented with the freedom and livery of the Company and elected a Steward.

1885.

ARTHUR ERAT HUGGINS, *Master*; JAMES WATT PERKINS and EDWARD HEGLEY BYAS, M.R.C.S., *Wardens*.

ON the 24th February (during Mr. Joseph E. Turner's term of office as Master), at the Mansion House, the

Court presented the Marquess of Lorne with an illuminated scroll, recording his Lordship's admission to the Livery, upon which occasion the Master entertained a distinguished company at luncheon, there being present Her Royal Highness the Princess Louise, the Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress, the Sheriffs, Viscountess Folkestone, the Baroness Burdett-Coutts, and some thirty other ladies and gentlemen.

The scroll was enclosed in a beautifully made tinplate casket, put together without solder, the gift of Mr. Past-Master Perkins.

1886.

JAMES WATT PERKINS, *Master*; EDWARD HEGLEY BYAS, M.R.C.S., and OLIVER THOMAS HODGES, *Wardens*.

ON the 17th July the Court of Chancery decided that the Company being unable to carry out the "White" bequest (although they had done all that their duties as trustees demanded) could not be allowed to receive the fund and apply the income in pensions, as they had suggested. The legacy in consequence lapsed to the testator's representatives.

On the 17th December the Lord Mayor attended a Court Dinner given by the Master.



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1887.

EDWARD HEGLEY BYAS, *Master*; OLIVER THOMAS  
HODGES and DAVID KNIGHT FORBES, *Wardens*.

AT the end of this year the Government converted the  
£245 Consols of the "Miers's" Trust fund, since which  
the Court has paid 10s. 6d. annually to twelve Pen-  
sioners, nine of whom receive a further £2 annually  
out of the private funds.

1888.

OLIVER THOMAS HODGES, *Master*; DAVID KNIGHT  
FORBES and ARTHUR BIRD, *Wardens*.

ON the 2nd November the Master entertained the  
Court at his own house.

1889.

DAVID KNIGHT FORBES, *Master*; ARTHUR BIRD and  
SAMUEL GOVER FOXALL, *Wardens*.

ON the 16th February it was proposed to augment the  
scanty funds by a largely increased rate of quarterage,  
but the scheme was abandoned, and the members of  
the Court personally contributed to a scheme for an  
entertainment to the Livery.

1890.

DAVID KNIGHT FORBES, *Master*; SAMUEL GOVER  
FOXALL and ARTHUR ERAT HUGGINS, *Wardens*.

ON the 14th February the Earl Sydney, Liveryman of  
this Company died, without issue.

1891.

SAMUEL GOVER FOXALL, *Master*; ARTHUR ERAT  
HUGGINS, *Upper Warden*.

ON the 14th October Mr. E. H. Burkitt resigned the office of Clerk in favour of Mr. James Curtis, F.S.A.

The Master died on the 15th November, and Mr. S. P. Low was elected to the office for the remainder of the year.

1892.

STEPHEN PHILPOT LOW, D.L., J.P., *Master*; Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE LAMBERT, V.D., F.S.A., and ROBERT ALFRED MCCALL, Q.C., LL.D., *Wardens*.

ON the 25th May the Master entertained the Court and Livery of this Company, the Wardens of the Ironmongers' Company, and some distinguished visitors at dinner at Ironmongers' Hall. The Hall, which had not been used for such a purpose for very many years, was kindly lent for this occasion by the Worshipful Company of Ironmongers. On the same day the Very Rev. Samuel Reynolds Hole, D.D., Dean of Rochester, was elected Hon. Chaplain.

Mr. McCall resigned his office in November.

1893.

Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE LAMBERT, V.D., F.S.A.,  
*Master*; Major JOHN ROPER PARKINGTON, J.P.,  
and WILLIAM HENRY BINGHAM-COX, *Wardens*.

ON the 9th June the Master entertained the Court and Livery and a number of guests at dinner at Ironmongers' Hall, and on the 13th September he celebrated his seventieth birthday by giving a dinner at the "Criterion" to the members of the Court and their ladies.

On the 26th September a past-master's badge was presented to the Library Committee of the Guildhall for exhibition.

During this year the Master presented a loving cup in silver gilt, bearing his own arms and those of the Company, and inscribed: "The Gift of George Lambert to the Company of Tin Plate Workers, London. Master. June 9, 1893."

1894.

Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE LAMBERT, V.D., F.S.A.,  
*Master*; Major JOHN ROPER PARKINGTON, J.P.,  
and WILLIAM HENRY BINGHAM-COX, *Wardens*.

ON the 23rd January I was elected Clerk in succession to Mr. Curtis, who had resigned.

At Ironmongers' Hall on the 1st June, the Master again entertained the Company at a Livery Dinner.

On the 10th December Mr. A. C. Mitchell was

appointed Upper Warden in place of Major Parkington, who had resigned.

On the 9th November this Company, in honour of Mr. Sheriff Hand, was very creditably represented in the Lord Mayor's Procession. A full account of the historical car and other details, as written by me, is given in *Appendix D* of this book.

During this year Colonel Lambert presented the Company with several interesting memorials of the procession as well as a heraldic banner. Mr. Past-Master Low also gave two banners and Mr. Past-Master Reynolds a robe for the Clerk.

1895.

Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE LAMBERT, V.D., F.S.A.,  
*Master* (who was unanimously elected for the third time to the office); GEORGE HAND (Ex-Sheriff)  
and GEORGE HENRY HUMPHREYS, *Wardens*.

ON the 1st February a Committee was appointed by the Court to celebrate the 225th Anniversary of the Company's foundation.

On the 24th April I was presented with a silver salver and a purse of money from the Master, Wardens, Court, and Livery, for my work in connection with the Lord Mayor's Procession in the previous year.

During this year the Company lost by death two of its most valued members, Messrs. S. P. Low and D. K. Forbes, Past-Masters, both of whom did their best to secure the prosperity of this Company.

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*Appendix A.*

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**LIST of the Master, Wardens, Court of Assistants,  
and Livery of the Worshipful Company of Tin  
Plate Workers alias Wire Workers of London.**

**1895.**

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\* Has served the Office of Master.

† Has served the Office of Warden.

‡ Has served on the Court of Assistants.

**Master.**

\*Lieutenant-Colonel GEORGE LAMBERT, V.D., F.S.A., 12,  
Coventry Street, Piccadilly, W.

**Upper Warden.**

GEORGE HAND, Sheriff 1894-5, 25, Lawrence Lane, Cheap-  
side, E.C.; and Avalon, 250, Green Lanes, Stoke  
Newington, N.

**Under Warden.**

GEORGE HENRY HUMPHREYS, 24, Gutter Lane, E.C.; and  
4, Greenland Villas, Wood Green, N.

**Assistants.**

\*WILLIAM CURLING ANDERSON, J.P., 6, Upper Thames  
Street, E.C.; and Chaseley, Crystal Palace Road, S.E.

\*FREDERICK WILLIAM REYNOLDS, Blomfield House, Wid-  
more Road, Bromley, Kent.

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- \*FREDERICK WEST, F.R.G.S., 66, Cannon Street, E.C.; and  
The Waldrons, Croydon, Surrey.
- \*JOSEPH EDWARD TURNER, 17, King Street, Cheapside, E.C.,  
and 18, Carlton Hill, St. John's Wood, N.W.
- \*ARTHUR ERAT HUGGINS, 7, Drapers' Gardens, E.C.; and  
7, St. Alban's Villas, Highgate Road, Kentish Town,  
N.W.
- \*JAMES WATT PERKINS, Sidbury Lodge, Edgware; and 123,  
Bermondsey Street, S.E.
- \*OLIVER THOMAS HODGES, St. Olave's Rectory, 8, Hart  
Street, Mark Lane, E.C., and Lachine, Chislehurst.
- †ARTHUR BIRD, 26, Westbourne Terrace Road, W.
- †ALFRED CONSTANS MITCHELL, 44, Cannon Street, E.C.
- †ROBERT ALFRED MCCALL, Q.C., LL.D., 1, Temple Gar-  
dens, E.C.
- †WILLIAM HENRY BINGHAM-COX, 26, Southampton Street,  
Strand, W.C.
- FREDERICK LOW, 3, Temple Gardens, E.C.
- Colonel THOMAS CLARKE (Ex Sheriff), 62, Chancery Lane,  
E.C.
- CHARLES JAMES WILKINSON-PIMBURY, 60, Marmora Road,  
Honor Oak, S.E.
- LEWIS DAVIS, 19, Moorgate Street, E.C.
- CHARLES RICHARD BRIGHTEN, 25, Gunterstone Road, West  
Kensington, S.W.
- ALFRED HAYS, C.C., 4, Royal Exchange Buildings, E.C.
- ALFRED JORDAN HOLLINGTON, C.C., Middlesex Street, Ald-  
gate, E.
- WILLIAM ERNEST BARON DE BUSH, 3, Palace Gate, Ken-  
sington, W.
- THOMAS ROBERT DEWAR, F.R.G.S., 48, Lime Street, E.C.
- ERNEST BRUCE MILLAR, 3, Church Court, Ironmonger Lane,  
E.C.; and Olinda, Bethune Road, Stamford Hill, N.

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HENRY VON JOEL, F.R.G.S., 2, Guilford Place, Russell Square, W.C.

ARTHUR THOMAS FRANKLIN, 25, Ludgate Hill, E.C.

GEORGE FREDERICK EDWARDS, F.R.G.S., Alger House, 6, Highbury Crescent, N.

JAMES CURTIS, F.S.A. (*Honorary Assistant*), 179, Marylebone Road, N.W.; and Raleigh House, Hammolton Road, Bromley.

**Clerk.**

†ERNEST ARTHUR EBBLEWHITE, F.S.A., Somerset's Office, Heralds' College, E.C., and 2, Ashmount Road, Hornsey Lane, N.

**Honorary Chaplain.**

The Very Reverend SAMUEL REYNOLDS HOLE, D.D., Dean of Rochester, The Deanery, Rochester.

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**LIST of the LIVERY according to their Seniority.**

During their year of Office the Stewards take precedence of their brother-liverymen, and at the next Election Court are entitled to have their names first submitted to the Court for election as Assistants.

1838. \*CRAWFORD BURKITT (Father of the Company), 2 York Terrace, Regent's Park, N.W.

1841. \*EDWARD BYAS.

1843. JOHN GEORGE PATRICK.

\*JOHN HODGKINSON.

1844. JAMES NEWTON.

1846. \*JAMES BOWEN MAY (*resigned the Livery*).

RICHARD OLIVER BARBER.

1849. EDWARD BLACKMORE.  
1850. \*GEORGE OFFOR 78, Mansion House Chambers,  
Queen Victoria Street, E.C., and Peak Hill Villa,  
Sydenham, S.E.  
GEORGE SEYMOUR.  
1853. WILLIAM POWELL.  
BERNARD SIGRIST.  
1856. WILLIAM BLACK.  
1862. WILLIAM NEWTON.  
1875. CHARLES BELL, F.R.I.B.A. (*Steward* 1895), 3, Salters'  
Hall Court, Cannon Street, E.C., and 40, Belsize  
Park, Hampstead, N.W.  
JOHN BELCHER, 20, Hanover Square, W.  
HORACE EDWARD GOLDING, 25, Nevcrn Square,  
Earl's Court, S.W.  
JAMES WALTER JAMES, 123, Camberwell Grove, S.E.  
THOMAS ADAMS PHILLIPS.  
FREDERICK MALCOLM HURDIS JONES, 20, Girdler's  
Road, Brook Green, W.  
JOHN OLIVER (*Resigned the Livery*).  
JOHN OSWALD GARDNER.  
SAMUEL BRINDLEY, "Lynwood," Beckenham, Kent.  
CHARLES HARVEY.  
JOHN HARVEY, "Sunnyside," Lancaster Road, West  
Dulwich.  
WILLIAM FRANCIS PAYNE, Town Hall, Edmonton, N.  
1875. \*FREDERICK EACHUS WILKINSON, M.D.  
Major ROBERT PAYNE, V.D., 34, Moorgate Street, E.C.  
ANDREW DUNN.  
CHARLES COWPER BRYDEN.  
NICHOLAS B. DOWNING.  
HENRY DADE.  
JAMES FLOWER.



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1876. JOHN WILLIAM JONES.

WILLIAM SLINGSBY OGLE, 90, Cannon Street, E.C. ;  
and Delville, Reigate.

JOHN MORGAN, 1, Mulgrave Road, Sutton, Surrey.

WILLIAM BURGESS.

WILLIAM ANWORTH ABLE REEVE, The London and Mid-  
land Bank, Limited, 237, Tottenham Court Road.

ROBERT REAVELEY GLOVER.

GEORGE GOWLAND.

WILLIAM LOW.

WILLIAM HENRY BROUGHAM HUTCHINS, Roslyn House,  
New Cross Gate, S.E.

JOHN SMITH.

THOMAS HENLING WADE.

ALEXANDER BRAID, Boscobel, Foley Road, Claygate,  
Surrey.

1877. \*EDWARD HEGLEY BYAS, M.R.C.S., 10, Cambridge  
Gate, N.W.

JOHN LOUIS BATH.

GEORGE ROPER, Exalls, Woking.

THOMAS WISE, 123, Pall Mall, S.W.

Alderman WILLIAM DAVIES STEPHENS, J.P., 22, Percy  
Gardens, Tynemouth.

PHILIP SAYLE, LL.D., 76, Imperial Buildings, Lud-  
gate Circus.

JOHN FORSTER.

THOMAS HENRY BOLTON, 1, Verulam Buildings, Gray's  
Inn, W.C.

THEOPHILUS WILLIAM WILLIAMS, The Lawn, Burgess  
Hill.

ALFRED CHARLES WOOTTON, The Shrubbery, Enfield.

ERNEST FREDERICK HILTON, Preston House, South  
Norwood Hill, S.E.

1878. WILLIAM PRODHAM.  
 RICHARD WOODHOUSE PERKINS, Holly Dene, Bromley,  
 Kent.  
 PETER MCKINLAY, 57, Hurstbourne Road, Forest Hill.  
 FREDERICK JOHN HORNIMAN, F.R.G.S., (*Steward*,  
 1895), 28-33, Wormwood Street, E.C.  
 ARTHUR HORNE, 65, Clifton Hill, St. John's Wood,  
 N.W.
1879. REV. JOHN LOCKHART OGLE, M.A. (*formerly Honorary  
 Chaplain*), Forest Row, Sussex.  
 HENRY ASHWELL, Woodland House, Bound's Green,  
 New Southgate, N.  
 EDWARD GODFREY BROOKER, 4, Corbet Court, E.C.
1881. CHARLES BINYON, Purton House, 6, Hanover Park,  
 Peckham, S.E.  
 JOHN STEDMAN, 55, Belsize Park Gardens, N.W.
1882. ARNOLD ELWORTHY WILLIAMS, Vestry House, Lau-  
 rence Pountney Lane, E.C.
1884. JOHN GEORGE EDWARD HENRY DOUGLAS SUTHER-  
 LAND CAMPBELL, Marquess of Lorne, K.T., Ken-  
 sington Palace, W.
1892. †Major JOHN ROPER PARKINGTON, J.P. 6, Devonshire  
 Place, W.  
 ALFRED GOODINCH WILLIAMS, London Institution,  
 Finsbury Circus, E.C.  
 ‡ERNEST ARTHUR EBBLEWHITE, F.S.A., *Clerk*.
1894. THOMAS HEWITT, 10, Ashburn Place, W.  
 FREDERICK STUMORE.

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\* \* *In the preceding list there are several persons entered who  
 are probably dead. I should be glad to have full information as  
 to any Liveryman whose address is not here given.*

## *Appendix B.*

*See Frontispiece.*

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The Armorial Bearings used by the Company are thus blazoned :—

**ARMS.**—*Sable*, a Chevron *Or*, between in chief two Lamps with one Burner each, respecting each other, and in Base a Lamp with two Burners *Argent*, garnished of the second.

**CREST.**—On a Wreath of the colours *Or* and *Sable* a Globular Ship Lantern or Lamp ensigned with a Regal Crown all *Proper*.

**Supporters.**—On either side a working Tin Plate Worker or Tin-man proper, vested in blue coat with red cuffs, lined with fur, blue breeches, red waist-coat, white stockings, black shoes and silver buckles, on the head a fur cap.

**Motto:** “Amore sitis uniti ;” “Adunate in amorem ;” or “Unite in Love.”

## *Appendix C.*

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### **OATH OF A FREEMAN.**

On the next page is reproduced the Freeman's Oath from a paper in the Company's chest, which was evidently printed in the year 1678, and gives the wording from the original By-Laws :—

The OATH to be taken by every Freeman  
of the COMPANY or MYSTERY of  
*Tin-Plate-Workers, alias Wire-Workers.*



**D**U shall swear that you will be good and true to our Sovereign Lord the King's Majesty, that now is, and to his Heirs and Successors, Kings and Queens of this Realm, and in all things lawful and reasonable relating to the said Company, according to your Power, shall be obedient to the just and lawful Orders and Constitutions of the Master, Wardens, Assistants and Governours of this Company for the time being, and their Successors, and shall readily appear upon all Summons by their Beadle or other Officer, Except you have sufficient cause to be absent, or else you shall pay all such Sums, Penalties and Fines as you shall forfeit, according to the lawful Ordinances of this Company for breaking the same. All the lawful Acts, Ordinances and Orders made for the good Rule and Governance of the said Company, You shall to your power observe and keep, or else pay such Penalties and Fines, as you shall according to the said Ordinances forfeit, by reason of your disobedience or breaking of the same. All this you shall faithfully do and perform to the utmost of your power, and as far as lawfully you may.

So help you God and the Holy Contents of this Book.

[In the above the original type has been followed as nearly as possible.]

## *Appendix D.*

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### THE LORD MAYOR'S SHOW.

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#### DESCRIPTION OF THE TIN PLATE WORKERS' COMPANY'S CAR,

BY E. A. EBBLEWHITE, F.S.A.,

[*Reprinted from the CITY PRESS 7th Nov., 1894.*]

"It is in order to do honour to the Lord Mayor-Elect and the Corporation generally, and to Mr. Sheriff Hand in particular, that the Tin Plate Workers' alias Wire Workers' Company are taking such a prominent part in the procession. With the exception of a grant from the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs' Committee, the cost of the proceedings will be borne entirely by the Sheriff's friends in the Guild. The Master (Lieut.-Colonel George Lambert, V.D.), several members of the Court of Assistants, and the Clerk will follow in three carriages, the coachmen and horses being decorated with rosettes of the Company's colours; and the Beadle in his gown and sash, carrying the old silver mace, will ride on the first carriage. Banners of the arms of the Company, of Lieut.-Colonel Lambert, of Mr. S. P. Low, D.L., J.P. (Past-Master), and of Mr. Sheriff Hand will be carried in the procession. Public attention, however, will be chiefly directed to the historical car, drawn by six horses draped with gold cloths, and escorted by three carters in costume of the time of King Charles II. and the colours then used by the Company's servants, viz, long blue coats with red collar and cuffs, red knickerbockers, large black top boots, and spurs.

The car itself will measure 14ft. by 9ft., and will be profusely draped with black and gold—the Company's colours—with festoons of the same coloured ribbons extending from the four corner poles to the centre one, which will be surmounted by a model of a large globular lantern as used chiefly on light-ships in Charles II.'s reign. At the date of their incorporation the Tin Plate Workers made a great number of these tin lanterns, and the crest which the Company has long used consists of a ship lantern, with sheets of horn filled in the openings, glass not being then used for the purpose. Between the two poles in the front part of the car will be suspended a black cloth edged with gold, bearing in gold embroidered letters the text of the full style of the Guild according to its charter, viz : 'The Master, Wardens, Assistants, and Com'onalty of the art and mystery of Tynne Plate Workers al's Wyre Workers of the City of London.' The costume worn by the tin-plate workers in 1670, according to the engraved representations of the Company's supporters (on either side of the shield of arms) on their silver loving-cups, banners, and engravings, consisted of blue coat lined with brown fur, scarlet cuffs, silver buttons, scarlet waistcoat, blue breeches, white stockings, black shoes and silver buckles, and fur caps. In this brilliant dress six craftsmen—four tin-plate workers and two wire-workers—will be at work on the car at their proper benches. The industries tin-plate working and wire-working have so marvellously increased in extent and importance since the foundation of the company that in every home and for an infinity of purposes there is a constant demand for the productions of the workers. Realizing, therefore, how familiar Londoners are with all such work, the Company have thought it wiser to represent only some of the more curious articles in tin-plate and wire-work in use in the seventeenth century. The tin-plate workers will show the making, by means of the old-fashioned 'formers'

and 'hollowing blocks,' of horn lanterns for stables, butchers' lamps, and light-ship lanterns, and the wire-workers will produce flower baskets, fencing masks, flower stands, fire guards, and gravel and cinder sieves. Some of these articles (all, of course, unpainted) will be shown in a finished state. The men, with their tools and materials, have been kindly supplied by two well-known leading firms in the trade—Messrs. Benjamin Perkins and Son, of Bermondsey-street (one of the members of which house, Mr. James Watt Perkins, is a Past-Master of the Company), and Messrs. Bedford, Steer, End, and Co., of the Southwark Wire Works (which firm, together with two of their hands, took the first prizes for wire-work at the Worshipful Company's exhibition, which was held at the Crystal Palace in 1878). The sides of the car will be decorated with escutcheons of the arms of the Company (a chevron between three lamps, similar to those which will be made on the car) between those of the City of London on the one side and of Lieut.-Colonel Lambert on the other; while above them will be shown black banners fringed with and inscribed in gold embroidered letters with (1) the first motto used by the Company, '*Adunate in amorem*'; (2) its English version, used a few years later, '*Unite in love*'; (3) the present motto, adopted in the last century, '*Amore sitiis uniti*'; and (4) the date of the Charter, 'Incorporated 29 December, 1670.' The details of the car are being carried out by Mr. George Kenning, of Little Britain; and Messrs. Bishop and Clark, of Godliman-street, are making the rosettes for the carriages and horses, the latter being from the stables of Messrs. Copus and Son, of Hornsey-road. The whole design has been thought out by Mr. E. A. Ebbelwhite, F.S.A., the Clerk of the Company, whose archæological studies have materially assisted him; and the whole arrangements are under his personal supervision."

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*Appendix E.*

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As I have indicated in the Preface, our first Master, Mr. Thomas Aris, was a distinguished Member of the Ironmongers' Company: the following extracts from their Records concerning him have been kindly furnished by Mr. Ralph Coker Adams Beck, the Clerk of that Worshipful Company:—

“At a Quarterly Court at the Hall, 18th January, 1647, Tho. Aris, late Apprentice to Wm. Tompkins, was admitted into the Freedom of this Company and took his oath appertaining, paying therefor 12d. and for not being presented 6d.”

As Thomas Aris was not “presented” at the time of apprenticeship, no particulars of parentage are entered in the Records.

“At a Court at the Hall, 19th May, 1660. . . . and thereupon the Court thought fit to add several persons unto the new livery, to make them up to seventeen in all, which are here set down according as they were made free of the Company” (*inter alia*) “Mr. Thomas Ayres” (*Aris*).

On the 22nd May, 1660, Mr. Thomas Ayres (*Aris*) “took Oath of Supremacy and Allegiance to the King” (Charles II.) before Sir Thomas Allen, then Lord Mayor.

The following most important entry is from Court Book volume 6, page 355:—

“There was produced to the Court in 1671 the Charter of Incorporation of the Tin Plate Workers alias Wire Workers, appointing Mr. Thomas *Ayris* (*Aris*) ‘to be the first and present Master of the said Company who shall continue in the said office from the date of these presents until the



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Wednesday in Easter Week which shall be in the year of our Lord 1671.'"

At a Court of Confirmation, 8 July, 1680, "Mr. Thomas Ayres (*Aris*) chosen Master of this Company for the year ensuing."

It may be concluded from the preceding notice that Mr. Aris did not serve the office of Warden, but was placed in the Chair of the Ironmongers in recognition of his having served the office of Master in the "daughter" Company of Tin Plate Workers.

"13th January, 1684:—'Received of Mr. Thomas Ayres forty shillings laid down for him when the Company dined with Sir Henry Tulse when Lord Mayor, it being his turn.'"

For the subsequent career of Mr. Past Master Aris, see references in the INDEX to this Book.





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